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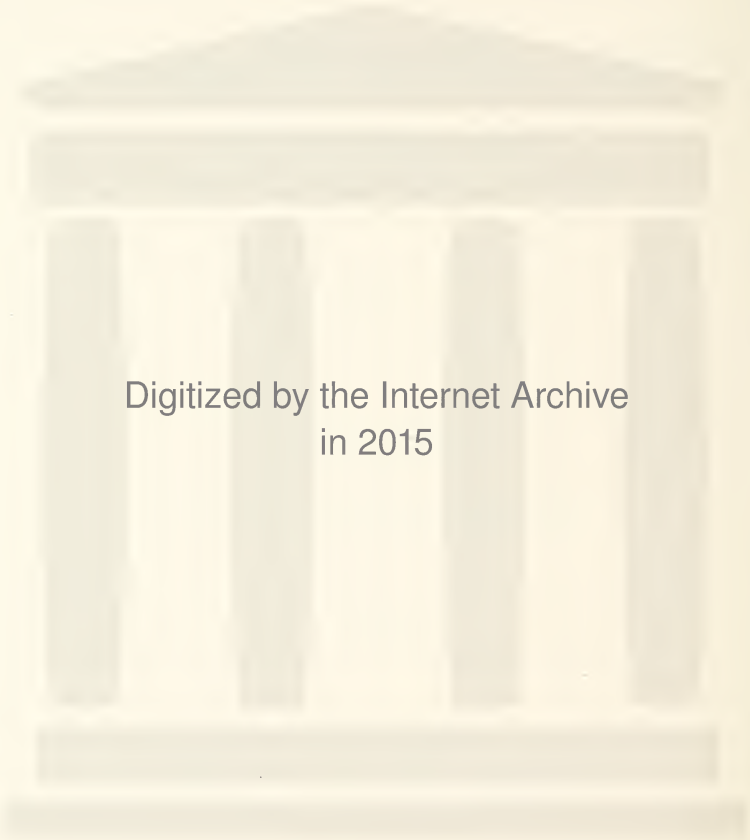

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Abram Ponsler	1824
John George Pfrimmer	1825
John Harvey	1828
Thomas Haines	1828
Jacob Mahan	1828
Archibald E. Michael	1829
Philip Sauer	1829
Michael Coover	1832
George Hoffman	1839
Robert Duncan	1839
Bishop Andrew Zeller	1839
Henry Joseph Frey	1841
Peter Ogborn	1841
Peter Bonebrake	1842
Jacob Flickinger	1842
Christian Shearer	1844
Jsaac V. D. Robertson	1846
David Kiser	1848
Robert Bonebrake	1849
Robert A. Wheat	1850
William R. Lewis	1850
Jacob Kemper, Sr.	1851
Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr.	1854
Martin Boehm	1855
Daniel Bonebrake	1856
Bishop Joseph Hoffman	1856
John Zeller	1857
Curtis Edwards	1858
John Allen	1859
William R. Rhinehart	1861
Jacob Antrim	1861
Jacob Surface	1861
Swain Corson	1862
Daniel Troyer	1863
Thomas Shain	1863
Daniel N. Fleming	1863
John Kemp, Sr.	1865
Jacob M. Marshall	1866
Henry Bonebrake	1866
Jacob G. King	1867
Bishop Jacob Coons	1869
John Coleman	1871
Elias W. Hoffner	1873
Daniel Antrim	1873
O. Shoop	1873
Conrad Bonebrake	1874
John L. Hoffman	1875
Simon Geeting	1875
Stephen M. Hearn	1877
William Nichols	1878
Jacob King	1878
James Fleenor	1879
Adam Hetzler	1880
John Slife	1880
William K McCabe	1881
Frank N. Fowler	1881
Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr.	1882
Daniel C. Kumler	1882
John Kemp, Jr.	1883
Henry Hoffman	1884
W. H. Lanthurn	1884
Luke F. Pierce	1884
G. L. Gilbert	1885
W. W. Coons	1886
James Long	1888
Christopher Flinchbaugh	1888
Henry Tober	1889
Chester Briggs	1890
Henry Surface	1891
Joseph Gomer	1892
Lawrence Burns	1894
W. G. Wells	1896
L. A. McGrew	1898
John Walter	1899
W. R. Houlton	1899
J. W. Glenn	1902
J. B. Doughman	1902
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J. D. Holtzinger	1907
J. W. Bovey	1908
D. Myers	1908
S. M. Hippard	1909
C. H. Snyder	1910
F. G. Grigsby	1910
Henry Garst	1911
D. K. Flickinger	1911
G. W. Arnold	1912
W. K. Albright	1914
J. L. Swain	1917
W. J. Pruner	1917
C. W. Kurtz	1918

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H. A. Bovey	1919
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William J. Shuey	1920
G. A. Thompson	1920
Daniel Berger	1920
F. H. Bohn	1921
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J. E. Yingling	1921
E. W. Bowers	1921
C. W. Miller	1921
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*Stauffer, Robert, Eldorado, Ohio; Pastor, Eldorado — 104 (East Pennsylvania Ev.)

*Stine, Wayne, R.R. 1, West Manchester; Pastor, Ware's Chapel (Indiana North)

*Stutzman, Gerald, Rossburg, Ohio; Pastor, Rossburg Circuit (East Penn. UB.)

*Van Dyke, Donald, R.R. 2, Eaton, Ohio; Pastor, NewHope -Eaton 2801 (Indiana North)

*Varner, Bernard, R.R. 1, Greenville, Ohio; Pastor, Abbotsville - Caylor Chapel (West Pennslyvania)

Walker, A. R., R.R. 3, Union City, Indiana; Pastor, Waterhouse (Central Pa.)
*Younken, Ed., R.R. 1, Germantown, Ohio; Pastor, State Road (Central Pa.)

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Weimer, Mrs. E. S., Farmersville, Ohio
Witham, Mrs. A. C., Verona, Ohio
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The following Widows of the former Indiana (Ev.) Conference Ministers are members of the Wayne Avenue Church and receive assistance from the Ministerial Aid Board.

Hirschman, Mrs. C. A., 114 Volkenand Ave., Dayton 10, Ohio
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LAY MEMBERS

Only the names of those present and seated are printed

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Abbotsville & Caylor Chapel—Mr. Willie Crick, R.R. 3, Arcanum, Ohio; Antioch—Mr. Clyde Mapes, R. R. 3, Brookville, Ohio; Arcanum—Mr. George T. Riegle, 103 N. Main, Arcanum, Ohio; Arlington—Mrs. Ruth Brooks, 530 Market St., Brookville, Ohio; Brookville—Mr. Berlin Beachler, 666 Hill St., Brookville, Ohio; Castine & Weaver Station—Mrs. Mildred Fischback, R.R. 3, Greenville, Ohio; Clayton—Mrs. Harold Binkley, R.R. 1, Clayton, Ohio; Eaton —Mr. W. H. Keckler, 628 E. Main St., Eaton, Ohio; Eldorado—Mrs. Walter Haller, R.R 1, West Manchester, Ohio; Greenville—Mr. Lowell Bowers, 525 Harrison Ave., Greenville; Ithaca—Mr. Harley Burke, R.R. 1, Arcanum, Ohio; Lewisburg—Mrs. E. P. Trittschuh, Lewisburg, Ohio; Nashville—Mr. Herbert Rank, R.R. 3, Arcanum, Ohio; New Hope—Mr. Edwin Moyer, R.R. 2, Eaton. Ohio; New Madison—Mrs. Carey Shelly, New Madison, Ohio; Otterbein & Savona—Mr. Harold French, R.R. 1, New Madison, Ohio; Phillipsburg—Mr. Oscar Lutz, Phillipsburg, Ohio; Potsdam & West Sonora—Mrs. Caroline McKee, R.R. 1, Lewisburg, Ohio; Pyrmont—Mr. Elmer Loy, R.R. 1, Brookville, Ohio; Rossburg Circuit—
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RULES OF ORDER

1. No member of the conference may absent himself from the annual session without permission of the conference.

2. Anyone wishing to speak shall arise and respectfully address the chair. In case more than one should address the chair at the same time, the presiding bishop shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

3. No one shall be interrupted while speaking, except in case of misapprehension of the subject before the conference, or the introduction of anything out of order, and then only when so decided by the presiding bishop, or by a majority of the members of conference present.

4. No one shall be permitted to speak more than once upon the same subject until all who wish to speak have spoken.

5. No one shall speak on any one question before the conference for more than five minutes except by special permission of the conference.

6. All motions or resolutions shall be reduced to writing before being voted upon, if the presiding bishop, the secretary, or any two members request it.

7. All special committees shall be appointed by the presiding bishop unless otherwise ordered by the conference.

8. All references to committees shall be presented to this conference no later than the close of the afternoon session of the first day of conference except such matters as may arise out of the regular business of the conference.

9. Individuals, institutions, and organizations of the local and general church having matters that need to be considered by the conference through committees shall submit such items in writing, and address them to the presiding bishop not later than the first day of the conference session.

10. Speakers representing the institutions and general interests of the church shall be limited to twenty minutes. Speakers representing agencies recognized by the chuhch shall be limited to ten minutes, except by special permission of the conference.

11. The Committee on Ways and Means shall annually edit and codify the standing resolutions of the conference.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

In Regard to Missionary Appropriation

1. Resolved, that the missionary money appropriated to the different missions in this conference shall be paid monthly. The conference superintendent shall have the power to order payments withheld from a pastor of a mission church, who fails to faithfully perform his duties, until further action is taken by the Conference Council.

2. It is expected that pastors and/or churches receiving missionary appropriations shall cooperate with the conference program.

3. The conference Treasurer shall send appropriation checks to the local church treasurer with the understanding that each local church will be responsible for paying the six per cent pension allotment on total salary.

4. Wherever possible, missionary appropriations to a church, should be made on an annual receding schedule.

5. Mission charges or churches shall be under the direction of the Conference Board of Missions.

6. The Conference Board of Missions shall recommend to the Committee on Boundaries, Appropriations and Finance as to the financial assistance mission churches or charges shall receive. (Revised 1953, Amended 1956).

In Regard to the Personnel of the Board of Publication

Be it resolved that the committee charged with the publication of the Miami Messenger be composed of the conference Superintendent, conference recording secretary, president of the Conference Board of Christian Education and two additional members chosen by ballot. (Adopted 1939.)

In Regard to Ministerial Aid

WHEREAS, there seem to be certain inequities in the method of giving Retirement Aid and,

WHEREAS, there is a degree of confusion in the various standing resolutions heretofore used as the basis for retirement aid, and,

WHEREAS, there seems to be a real desire to clarify and determine a policy for Retirement Aid;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the following become the policy of Retirement Aid. Said policy is subject to review and adjustment at each annual conference session.

1. That all ministers granted superannuated relations by the Annual Conference, shall be eligible for retirement aid, except that beginning with the Annual Conference of 1957 no superannuated minister serving as a supply pastor within the bounds of Ohio Miami Conference, and receiving a salary of $1200 or more per year, shall be eligible for Ministerial Aid Appropriation.

   a. In the event a minister has transferred to the Ohio Miami Conference from an Ohio Conference and has served at least 10 years in this Conference, he shall be entitled to retirement aid on the basis of years of service in the direct employ of Ohio Conferences.

b. In the event that a minister is rendered incapacitated by illness the ten year service requirement shall be waived.
c. Ministers entering Ohio Miami Conference by merger of Conferences or by charges of boundary shall be treated the same as persons already members of the Conference.

2. That retirement aid will be paid to those granted superannuation by the Annual Conference on the basis of years of service.
a. Rate of payment per year may be adjusted as conditions require, but years of service in the Conference shall be the basis of payment.
b. Persons whose ministerial service to Ohio Miami Conference has been on a a part time basis shall receive a maximum of one-half the rate of payment voted by the Annual Conference.

3. That the maximum number of years for which retirement aid will be be paid shall be 30.

4. That the conference appropriation and dividends of the Otterbein Press and Publishing Interests constitute the Fund from which the retirement aid will be paid.

5. The rate paid per year will be determined annually by vote of the Annual Conference depending on the amount of funds available.

6. That any ministers' widow becoming a beneficiary of group insurance shall receive no grants from the Ministerial Aid funds. Any exception to this rule shall be made by action of the Annual Conference.

7. The widows not governed by the foregoing status shall be dealt with as special cases, and shall be granted aid on the basis of years of active service spent with their husbands in the Ohio Miami Conference.

8. That ministers rendered incapacitated by illness shall be treated in the light of their special need. It is understood that the total money received by any person from the Conference Aid Fund in the foregoing category shall not exceed but may be equal to the maximum received by other beneficiaries of the Fund.

9. That a "Ministerial Aid Board" of five members be elected to administer this program of aid, two of them shall be laymen, and that their term of office be so arranged that one will serve for a period of one year, two for a period of two years and two for a period of three years.

10. That this Ministerial Aid Board be authorized to make additional expenditures of such funds as may be made available to them to meet the need of any minister who may fall in a special category. (Adopted 1951— amended 1952, 1956.)

Conference Proceedings

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Ohio Miami Conference met in Annual Session at Camp Miami, Germantown, Ohio, Tuesday, June 12, 1956 at 9 A.M. As people gathered in the Chapel of the Camp on a beautiful summer day, Mrs. Lorin Stine, B. Mus., played "Prelude" by Massenet.

Bishop Fred L. Dennis, D.D., L.L.D., presiding Bishop, asked the Conference to stand as he stated: By the authority vested in me by the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, I declare the formal assembly of the Miami Conference in its 147th session being the Ohio Miami Conference in its 5th session now assembled for worship and the transaction of business pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

Bishop Dennis led in a Call to Worship following which the Rev. Milford E. Ater, B. D., directed the congregation in singing the Gloria Patri.

The congregation sang, "Praise to the Lord."

The Rev. C. C. Messmer, B.D., Conference Program Director, read from John 3:1-17 and the Rev. John A. Clippinger, Ph.D., led in a prayer for the Church.

Miss Patricia Lowles of the Normandy Church, sang, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" by Liddle. Miss Lowles was accompanied by Mrs. Stine.

The Bishop gave the Communion Address using as his subject, "The New Birth." This address was followed by the Words of Institution as given in the Holy Scriptures.

The Rev. Ater led in singing, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Bishop Dennis led in a prayer of Confession and pronounced the Words of Assurance.

Superintendent W. K. Messmer offered the prayer consecrating the elements of Communion.

The invitation to Communion was extended by Bishop Dennis to all Christians present.

The elements were distributed by Group Leaders: Demi Edwards, W. N. Miranda. Joe Hendrix, D.D., and Charles Fryman. The Fev. John Bench and Dr. W. K. Messmer presided at the Communion Table

Following a period of quiet meditation the Bishop led in a prayer of personal dedication.

The Memorial Service

Superintendent Messmer announced that death had come to the home of one of his minister's since the program had been printed. Mrs. Ruth Henry, wife of the Rev. Joe Henry, of Arcadia, California passed away on June 8. Since this is within the new Conference Year, appropriate Memorial Services will be conducted at the next Annual Conference.

We stood to sing, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

Memorial tributes to the lives of Mrs. A. R. Clippinger and Mrs. Ivory Zimmerman were presented by the Reverends Emerson Bragg and L. M. Hohn, D.D. (See Report No. 13.)

Miss Patricia Lowles sang an arrangement of, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Dennen.

The Rev. Ambrose Aegerter offered a prayer of gratitude for these lives and commended their loved ones to the love of God. Bishop Dennis spoke words of appreciation for each of these lives.

Intermission

The Bishop declared an intermission for the rearrangement of the chancel for the business session.

Business Session

The Secretary called the Roll of Ministers and Iay Delegates. Communications were read from absent ministers and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. Rev. Robert Foreman was excused from all meetings

of this session to attend a Directors of Church Canvass Meeting at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Superintendent Messmer announced that the Women's Federation of the Southwest Group of the Ohio Miami Conference had a gift to present to Camp Miami. Mrs. Marcella Benjamin, President of this Federation was introduced. She said that Mrs. Al Huge, Sr. was presenting a Christian flag in memory of her husband, A. Huge, and an American flag in memory of her son, Raymond Harry Huge, who was killed in Japan. As Mrs. Huge and Mrs. Rish came forward with the flags we stood to sing "The Star Spangled Banner." It was voted to accept the flags and to express our appreciation to the Women's Federation of the Southwest Group.

Upon proper motion it was voted that all seats forward from the last set of steel posts constitute the Bar of the Conference.

The Standing Rules of Order as printed in the 1955 Conference Minutes, pp. 17, 18 were adopted as the Rules of Order for the 1956 session.

The Bishop spoke words of appreciation for the work of Dr. W. K. Messmer as Superintendent of the Ohio Miami Conference. Dr. Messmer read his Annual Report. The report was approved and its recommendations were referred to the appropriate committees. (See Report No. 2.)

Introduction of Guests. Roy H. Stetler, Publisher of the Evangelical Press· Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ryder of Tampa, Florida, and Dr. Charles J Roberts of Indiana North Conference were introduced and granted the Courtesies of the Conference Dr. Roberts spoke concerning his autobiography, "Hoosier Shepherd."

Announcements were made regarding meetings of Committees, Boards and Societies of the Conference.

The Rev. Carl Vorpe was appointed to serve as an assistant to the Recording Secretary.

Mr. Walter Ellison of the Otterbein Press was introduced.

The program as printed was adopted as the agenda of the Conference.

C. C. Messmer announced that Open House would be observed at the Camp Manse during the sessions of the Conference.

The closing prayer and blessing on the noon meal was prayed by Dr. Frank Oldt.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Mrs. Stine played. "O Sanctissima" by Fredrick Lux for the prelude.

We sang, "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing."

The Rev. Richard Miller read portions of the first and fourth chapters of II Timothy as a scripture lesson. The Rev. Owen Delp led in prayer. The devotional period closed with the singing of, "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayer."

The Rev. C. C. Messmer read his first report as Program Director. The report was approved and referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Report No. 3.)

Dr. Roy H. Stetler addressed the Conference in the interest of the Board of Publications. He presented the Conference two checks totaling $6,425.85. One from the Board of Publications was in the amount of $4,365.61. The other from the Real Estate Foundation was for $2,060.24. He also presented awards to Telescope Quota winners. The Rev. Allen Unger received top award as a 20% winner. Ten percent winners were the Reverends M. E. Ater, W. W. Arnold, C. R. Smith, Earl Tov, Richard Hedges, Byran Green and Wayne Stine. It was voted to refer the name of Dr. Stetler to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Secretary of the Conference Council of Administration read a report of the actions taken by the Council during the year. The report was approved and the actions were validated. (See Report No. 4.)

The Director of Christian Education read the report of the Board of Christian Education. It was approved on motion and its recommendations were referred to the Committee on Christian Education. (See Report No. 23.) The Directors serving the Board of Christian Education were introduced.

C. C Messmer, Editor of the Miami Messenger, read the report concerning this publication. The report was approved and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 14.)

Dr. C. B. Eschbach read the report of the Conference Board of Missions. The report was approved, the actions were validated and the recommendations were referred to the proper committees. (See Report No. 26.)

Dr. Eschbach presented a Resolution regarding a change in the Rules of Order regarding Missionary Apportionment on salary. The Resolution was voted. (See Report No. 34.)

Dr. Eschbach presented a Resolution from the Board of Missions regarding the Missions Program. The Resolution was voted. (See Report No. 36.)

The report of the Conference Board of Trustees was read. The Conference voted approval of the report. (See Report No. 29.)

Mr. Sherwood Snyder of the Normandy Church was introduced. He spoke briefly of the hopes and dreams of this Church.

The report of the Commission on Evangelism was read by Dr Harvey C. Hahn. The report was received and its recommendations were referred to the Committee for Evangelism. (See Report No. 24.)

The Rev. W. W. Arnold read the report of the Secretary of Stewardship. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 19.)

The Secretary of Christian Social Action, the Rev. Howard James, read his report. The report was adopted and its recommendations were referred to the Committee on Christian Social Action. (See Report No. 8.)

The Rev. E. H. Dailey was presented to the Conference He spoke briefly concerning the work of the Temperance Education Foundation. He told of literature which the Foundation is providing in the field of Alcohol Education. Free copies of some of this literature were left for distribution.

Dr. W. K. Messmer read the report of the Conference Historian. The report was adopted on motion. (See Report No. 12.)

The Commission on Town and Country Work presented its report through its Chairman, Dr. J. P. Hendrix. The report was approved. (See Report No. 30.)

Dr. Murn Klepinger read the report of the Urban Church Commission. Report appproved. (See Report No. 31.)

Following the reading of the report on Group Insurance by the Rev. Demi Edwards the Conference voted to accept the report and refer its recommendations to the Committee on Ways and Means. (See Report No. 15.)

Superintendent Messmer made a statement regarding Ministerial Aid to Ministers transfering from one Conference in Ohio to another Conference in Ohio. This statement came before the Conference at the request of the Inter-Conference Council. It was voted to refer this request to the Board of Ministerial Retirement Aid.

Mr. W. A. Hohn read the report of the Conference Treasurer. Mr. W. C. Reichert read the report of the Auditing Committee (See Report No. 6.) The Treasurer's report as audited was approved. (See Report No. 21.)

A summary of the Statistical Chart to be printed in the Minutes was read by the Rev. E. H. Hammon, Conference Statistician. (See Totals in Statistical Chart.)

The Rev. Grover Letner read a partial report of the Committee on Nominations. The report was approved and ballots ordered prepared. (See Report No. 16.)

The Conference adjourned to committee meetings which are to occupy the remainder of the afternoon and evening. The Rev. LeRoy Smelker offered the closing prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Conference assembled during the playing of Beethoven's "The Glory of God in Nature." Mrs. Lorin Stine at the organ.

Devotional Service

The Rev. M. E. Ater directed the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy."

The Rev. James Riley read John 15:1-11. Prayer was voiced by the Rev. John Bergland.

The devotional address was delivered by Bishop F. L. Dennis. The Bishop gave a helpful message based upon the scripture of the morning. He used as his theme, "Fruitful Vines."

Mrs. Miriam Erbaugh, a member of the Antioch Church and Director of Children's Work for the Ohio Miami Conference, sang "The Green Cathedral" by Carl Hohn.

Business Session

The Secretary called the Roll.

The Journal for Tuesday was read, corrected and approved.

Introduction: The Rev. O. T. Deever, D.D., Secretary Emeritus of the Board of Evangelism; the Rev. Arthur Doescher, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Pensions, and Mrs. Doescher; The Rev. Cawley Stine, D.D., Treasurer of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Mr. J. Russel Dugan of the Temperance League of Ohio were presented and granted the courtesies of the Conference.

A partial report of the Committee on Conference Relations was read by Dr. J. P. Hendrix. The report was approved. (See Report No. 9.)

The ballot for the election of Conference officials Part I was taken.

The Rev. Maurice Parsons read a partial report of the Committee on Christian Social Action. The report was approved. (See Report No. 8A.)

Mr. J. Russel Dugan addressed the Conference regarding the work of the Temperance League of Ohio. The name of Mr. Dugan was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Bishop Dennis presented Dr. Doescher who told of the Pension Program of the Church and spoke of the opportunity for ministers to participate in the program of Social Security. Dr. Doescher's name was also referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Bishop Dennis urged churches to assume an additional 3% of pension payments to help ministers to participate in Social Security since the minister must pay all of the Social Security tax.

Dr. Cawley Stine presented the Denominational study book for next year. This book is on "The Mission of the Church." Copies of the book were sold and orders taken.

We sang, "My Master Was a Worker."

Bishop Dennis announced the report of the Board of Tellers in the election of Conference officials Part I, and declared the election of those receiving the highest number of votes. (See Report No. 16.)

Dr. Lorin Stine read the report of the Committee on Evangelism. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

The Rev. J. C. Herbert gave a progress report of the Committee on Pastors' Records. Action on this report was held in suspense until the final report on Thursday.

The report of the Committee on Nominations Part II was read by the Rev. Grover Letner. The report was adopted and ballots ordered prepared. (See Report No. 16A.)

Announcements of committee meetings were made.

Walter Ellison, representing the Otterbein Press, spoke concerning the sale of Disciplines and Plan Books.

The closing prayer and blessing upon the noon meal was offered by Dr. O. T. Deever.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Following the playing of the organ prelude, "The Good Shepherd" by Bevolt, Bishop Dennis announced the

Devotional Period

This period consisted of reading from the Scriptures as recorded in Romans 8:1-17 by the Rev. Harold Messmer, prayer by the Rev. Forrest Garner and a vocal solo by Miss Ruth Harner. Miss Harner sang, "If With All Your Heart" from Elijah.

Business Session

Bishop Dennis announced that the beautiful roses on his stand were from the grounds of the Normandy Church. He also stated that the credentials of the Rev. James Bergland had been received from the Montana Conference and that Mr. Bergland is now a voting member of the Conference.

Introductions: The Rev. A. Glen O'Dell, D.D., a Superintendent of the Indiana South Conference, Mrs. O'Dell; the Rev. and Mrs. Don Cutts, Indiana South Conference; the Rev. Glen Arnold of the Ohio Sandusky Conference; the Rev. W. Henry Shillington, D.D., Secretary of the Ohio Council of Churches; the Rev. Merle Harner, D.D., Professor of New Testament Interpretation at United Theological Seminary and Mrs. Harner were introduced to the Conference and granted the courtesies of the Conference.

The Rev. James Duvall was excused from the afternoon session because of a death in his parish.

The report of the Mutual Benefit Society was read by the Rev. Lewis Ludwick. The report was approved. (See Report No. 28.)

The Rev. Edward Ohms read the report of the Committee on Christian Education. The report was approved. (See Report No. 7.)

Special Presentation United Crusade

A team of speakers presented the United Crusade appeal to the Conference. Dr. Wade Miller, Vice-President of Otterbein College in charge of Advancement, told of the record of giving by the Conferences in the Otterbein College area. Sheets showing the giving of the churches of the Conference were distributed.

Following the story of what has been accomplished to date in contributions there was a presentation on the general theme, "Our Dollars at Work." Dr. J. Gordon Howard, President of Otterbein College, introduced Ruth Ellen Harner, a 1956 graduate of Otterbein who spoke from the view-point of a student. Dr. Howard followed by telling us what our dollars have done from a President's viewpoint.

United Seminary was represented by the Rev. Forrest Garner and Professor E. E. Burtner. Mr. Garner spoke on the general theme, "Through the Eyes of a Student" while Mr. Burtner described what dollars are doing from the standpoint of the faculty and the administration.

Dr. Carl Eschbach told of the Work of Church Extension emphasizing achievements and opportunities. Dr. W. K. Messmer described the needs presently confronting the Ohio Miami Conference and plans for further promotion of the Crusade in the Ohio Miami Conference.

Dr. Miller and Bishop Dennis closed the presentation. Dr. Miller described "Some Hindrances to the United Crusade" while the Bishop gave a number of timely reminders entitled, "Church Work Is God's Work."

We sang the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be."

The Rev. Henry Shillington, D.D., addressed the Conference using as his subject, "What Does the Ohio Council of Churches Mean to Me?"

The Student Work in Ohio was described by the Rev. Donald Gorrell who is Secretary of this work for the state. The names of Dr. Shillington and the Rev. Gorrell were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Introductions: Mr. Lewis Johnson, Superintendent of the Otterbein Home and Mrs. Johnson, were presented to the Conference.

The Bishop called the attention of the Conference to the evening program which will be held at the Germantown Church.

A list of names of laymen who are willing to assist local churches in promoting the United Crusade was distributed.

The Rev. M. B. Klepinger was excused from the Thursday morning session to conduct a funeral.

Announcements of various committee meetings were made.

The closing prayer and blessing upon the evening meal were voiced by the Rev. Robert Copeland.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

The Wednesday evening session was held in the Germantown Church to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of this church which is the oldest Evangelical United Brethren Church west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Preceding the service Mrs. Robert Hoover, organist of the Germantown Church, played a medley of numbers which prepared the congregation for the service.

The call to worship was played by a trio of trumpeters.

The congregation joined in singing the processional hymn, "The Church's

One Foundation." Participants in the service, former ministers of the Germantown Church, General Officers of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, visiting clergy and representatives of sister churches participated in the procession.

Dr. W. K. Messmer prayed the invocation and directed the congregation in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Bishop Dennis brought greetings from the Ohio Miami Conference and introduced the visiting clergy and distinguished guests who participated in the procession.

We sang the hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

Bishop Dennis read the 16th Psalm and led in prayer.

The Chancel Choir of the Germantown Church sang Shelley's, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," Mr. John Swartzel directing.

Mrs. Marcella Henry Miller, a member of the Germantown Church and a direct lineal descendent of Bishop Andrew Zeller, read an interesting historical sketch of the Germantown Church. This history revealed many interesting facts and numerous points of contact with historic events in the life of the Ohio Miami Conference and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

An offering was received for the expenses of the Ohio Miami Conference. The congregation sang the Doxology which was followed by an offertory prayer by the Rev. John Bench.

The choir of the Germantown Church sang, "Open Our Eyes," by Macfarlane.

President I. Lynd Esch, Ph.D., of Indiana Central College delivered the address of the evening using as his subject, "A Goodly Heritage." He reminded us that a sesqui-centennial is a time of looking back to recall our heritage. It is also a time to plan for the future — to plan for our posterity.

The congregation stood to sing, "Faith of Our Fathers."

Bishop Dennis pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Mrs. D. M. Livingston, organist of the Dayton Fairview Church, served as organist for this session. She played, "Morning" by Stickles as a prelude.

Devotional Period

The Rev. Ater directed the singing of the hymn, "Rise Up, O Men of God." The Rev. James Frazier read from John 10:1-16 and the Rev. Paul Chastain led in prayer.

Bishop F. L. Dennis gave an interesting report of his visit to the Evangelical United Brethren Churches of Europe last summer.

The Conference Chorus under the direction of Rev. M. E. Ater sang, "O Son of Man, Madest Known."

Business Session

The Roll was checked by the Secretary.

The Journal for Wednesday was read and approved.

Introductions: Dr. Calvin Reber, Vera Blinn, Professor of Missions, United Theological Seminary; and the Rev. Beulah Koster, Ohio Southeast Conference were presented to the Conference and granted the usual courtesies.

The work of the United Theological Seminary Auxiliary was reviewed by Mrs. Calvin Reber. The report was received and made a part of the record. (See Report No. 32.)

Mrs. C. H. Deem, read the report of the Otterbein Home Auxiliary. The report was received and made a part of the record. (See Report No. 33.)

An address reviewing the work and need of the Otterbein Home, was given by Mrs. C. J. Roberts, Matron of the Home. The name of Mrs. Roberts was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Bishop announced that Lay Delegates might have a ten minute recess. During this recess the Itinerant Elders considered the reports of the Board of Ministerial Training and Committee on Conference Relations.

The Rev. Paul Sharp read the report of the Board of Ministerial Training. The report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. (See Report No. 25.)

Dr. J. P. Hendrix read the report of the Committee on Conference Relations, Part II. All items except those requiring ballot vote were approved by the Conference. (See Report No. 9A.)

A ballot was spread among the Itinerant Elders for voting on the names of men to receive Elder's Orders, to be granted Probationers License and to have Probationers License validated.

The ballot for Conference official Part II was distributed.

The report of the Ministerial Retirement Aid Board was read by Dr. J. P. Hendrix. In discussing this report it was called to the attention of the Conference that there are certain conflicts in this report with the standing Resolutions of the Conference. The editor of the Minutes was instructed to bring the Standing Resolutions into harmony with this report. The report was approved. (See Report No. 27.)

The Rev. Cawley Stine, D.D., Treasurer of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and Associate Secretary of its Council of Administration, addresses the Conference on the work of the Council. The name of Dr. Stine was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The final report of the Committee on Pastor's Records was presented by the Rev. J. C. Herbert. The report was approved. (See Report No. 17.)

The Tellers distributed mimeographed copies of the report of the Committee on Christian Education and of the Contributions to World Service Projects of the Youth Fellowship. (See Report No. 7, 7A.)

Dr. Lorin Stine read the report of the Committee on Transportation. The report was adopted and its recommendations approved. (See Report No. 20.)

The Tellers reported the results of the ballot on items in the report of the Committee on Conference Resolutions. (See Report No. 16B.)

The Rev. Walter Miranda was excused from the afternoon session to enable him to conduct a funeral.

Dr. W. K. Messmer called the attention of the Conference to printed and mimeographed materials which are available for distribution to pastors and Lay delegates. Dr. L. Stine made an announcement regarding the Sunday Vespers on the campus of United Seminary.

It was voted to convene the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m.

Following numerous announcements the Rev. C. R. Smith offered prayer and asked the blessing upon the noon meal.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Mrs. Stine served as organist for this session.

The congregation sang, "The Church's One Foundation."

Mrs. Clyde Roberts, representing the Ohio Miami Branch W.S.W.S., brought greetings to the Conference.

Mr. W O. Clark, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, addressed the Conference. He described the Mission work the Evangelical United Brethren Church is doing, the resources for this work and additional needs. The name of Mr. Clark was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Bishop announced that the devotional period had been delayed because the Conference had assembled at an earlier hour than named in the printed program.

Devotional Period

Two Itinerant Elders who are retiring this year were in charge of the devotions. The Rev. E. H. Nichols read portions of I Thessalonians, chapter 4 and 5, the Rev. J. L. Armstrong led in prayer.

Service of Recognition

Following the devotional period Bishop Dennis presented these men with certificates recognizing their service to the Church. Mr. Nichols has given 53 years and Mr. Armstrong 43 years. Superintendent Messmer stated that Mr. W. C. Reichert, lay leader of the Central Group, had requested that he not be reappointed. Mr. Reichert has been lay delegate from the Dayton Otterbein Church for 21 years and lay leader for 18 years. Rev. Armstrong spoke of his appreciation for a fine gift of $1,337.00 given him by churches he has served. Rev. Nichols told of several personal reminiscences. The Conference stood to honor these men.

Business Session

The report of the Committee on Fund Raising for Church Expansion presented its report. Mr. Harvey Hammink read the report. The report was adopted and its recommendations approved. (See Report No. 11.)

The report of the Committee on Appropriations, Boundary, and Finance, was read. The report was approved. (See Report No. 5.)

The Rev. Demi Edwards read the report of the Committee on Ways and Means. The item on Group Insurance and the item on the Ministry were considered separately. Each of these items were approved. The vote on the Group Insurance item was 102 for, 2 opposed. The item regarding the ministry was approved by voice vote. Following considerable discussion the entire report was approved. (See Report No. 22.)

Dr. Harvey Hahn presented a special resolution regarding a committee to study pastors' salaries to relieve inequities. The resolution was adopted. (See Report No. 37.)

Mr. John Butler, lay delegate, Belmont Church, called the attention of the Conference that the Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Klepinger will be leaving in a few minutes to board a plane for the first part of a trip to the Holy Land. Rev. Klepinger was excused from the remainder of the sessions and the Conference wished him bon voyage.

Dr. Carl Eschbach presented a special Resolution from the Conference Board of Trustees regarding the St. Mark's parsonage. The resolution was voted. (See Report No. 35.)

The Rev. Carl Vorpe read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. The report was approved. (See Report No. 18.)

The Rev. John Bench called the attention of the Conference to the fact that the Germantown Press had designated Dr. O. O. Arnold as "Father of the Year in Germantown." An article in the Press called attention to the long and distinguished career of Dr. Arnold. Dr. Arnold stood to receive the acclaim, good wishes and sincere congratulations of the Conference.

The Report of the Tellers in election of Conference officials (Part II) was read and the persons receiving the highest number of votes for the various offices were declared elected. (See Report No. 16A.)

Dr. Harvey Hahn was placed in charge of distributing the Conference Calendars for the Year 1956-57.

The Rev. Paul Sharp made an announcement concerning the historical pageant which the Oak Street Church will repeat next Sunday night at 7:30. This is a part of the 70th anniversary of this church.

The Journal for Thursday was approved without reading.

It was voted to adjourn the 147th session of the Miami Conference, being the fifth session of the Ohio Miami Conference, sine die, following the benediction at the evening session.

It was voted to grant permission to administer the Sacraments to Probationers serving regular appointments in the Conference.

Bishop Dennis commended the Conference for its fine spirit, the committees for their fine work, and the diligence and faithfulness of all members of the Conference. He urged diligent effort in the year ahead. He also expressed gratitude for all courtesies shown to him as presiding officer.

The Rev. E. S. Comrey offered the closing prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Chapel was filled as Mrs. Stine began the closing session by playing, "Ave Verum" by Mozart.

Superintendent Messmer led in the call to worship.

The Conference sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

The service of Ordination of Elders as outlined in the Discipline, Paragraph 2080, was introduced by Bishop F. L. Dennis. The Bishop was assisted in this service by Superintendent W. K. Messmer. The ordinates were Donald Baker, Euclid Avenue Church, Emerson D. Bragg, sponsor; Paul Chastain and Owen Delp, Drexel Church, Harvey Hahn, sponsor; James Frazier, Olive Branch Church, Baltimore, Maryland (Central Pennsylvania Conference), Kenneth Spillman and E. E. Burtner, sponsors; Forrest Garner, Miamisburg Church, Don Gillespie, sponsor; Harold Messmer, Newport Church, C. C. Messmer, sponsor. In the solemnity of this hour the men accepted their vows. Bishop

Dennis reminded them that their ordination and admission into the Itinerary imposes upon them a solemn obligation to be loyal to Christ and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Each of these young men was presented with an autographed Bible and a Certificate of Ordination.

Following this impressive service Mrs. Hans von Ohain of the Antioch Church sang, "O Divine Redeemer" by Gonaud. She was accompanied by Mrs. Dorotha Rhodes.

During the offering for Conference expense, Mrs. Stine played, "Contilene" by Faulkes.

The Choir of the Antioch Church, under the direction of William Calihan, sang the anthem, "Praise We Sing to Thee" as arranged by Luvaas.

Bishop Dennis delivered the sermon using as his subject, "Ministerial Majors." He used Ephasians 4:1-16 as the background for his sermon.

The Antioch Choir sang R. R. Perry's arrangement of "He Giveth Peace." Mrs. Evelyn Cox was soloist and Mrs. D. Rhodes was accompanist for the Choir.

Bishop Dennis announced that four young men had been voted Probationers License by this session of Conference. Their names were called and those present received their Certificate of Licensure.

The Bishop read the report of the Committee on Assignments. (See Report No. 1.)

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Dennis, officially closing the 147th session of the Miami Conference, being the fifth session of the Ohio Miami Conference.

EMERSON D. BRAGG, Secretary

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Report No. 1

Committee on Assignments

Fred L. Dennis, Bishop
W. K. Messmer, Superintendent
C. C. Messmer, Program Director

Northwest Group

Group Ministerial Leader—Demi Edwards
Lay Group Leader—John Jones

Abbotsville, Caylor Chapel—Bernard Varner
Antioch—William Worth
Arcanum—Herbert Dymale
Arlington—Keith Day
Brookville—W. W. Arnold
Castine—Lowell Bassett
*Clayton—Robert Copeland
Eaton—Julian Shrader
Eldorado—Robert Stauffer
Greenville—Demi Edwards
*Ithaca—Lee Cate
Nashville—Robert Dille
Lewisburg—Kannel Ireland
New Madison—Frank Robinson
New Hope—Don Van Dyke
*Otterbein, Savona—James Riley
Phillipsburg—Howard James
*Pyrmont—Max Nuscher
Potsdam, West Sonora—Harley Brown
Rossburg Circuit—Gerald Stutzman
Union City—Clarence Smith
Verona—Ivan Jenkins
Wares Chapel—Wayne Stine
*Waterhouse—A. R. Walker
Weaver Station—To be supplied
West Manchester—John Russell
Yankeetown—Charles Ruth

West Group

Group Ministerial Leader—John Bench
Lay Group Leader—C. A. Benzing

Farmersville—Richard Miller
Germantown—John Bench
*Greenbush—Jack Six
Hamilton, First—John Clippinger
Hamilton, Ninth—Olin Feagin
*Hamilton, St. Marks—Dana Heaton
*Jacksonburg—Robert Chastain
*Johnsville—Thomas Adams
Maple Park—Henry Snapp
Middletown—E. H. Hammon
Millville—George W. Duckwall
Otterbein Home—Paul Chastain
Oregonia—Harrison Anderson
Pleasant Ridge—W. I. Comfort
Springboro—Myron Ketron
State Road—Ed Younken
Union Chapel—Francis Huber
*Utica—George A Rodgers
West Elkton—Henry Snapp

Southwest Group

Group Ministerial Leader—Charles Fryman
Lay Group Leader—Milton Knollman

*Bevis—J. L. Armstrong (Supply)
Cherry Grove-Five Mile—Carl Robinson
Cheviot—Grover Letner
Clifton—J. C. Herbert
Clough—Charles Fryman
College Hill—James Duvall
Dunlap—E. S. Comrey (Supply)
Hyde Park—Forrest Garner
Mt. Airy—Maurice Gribbler
Mt. Healthy—Robert Pelton
New Haven-Harrison—W. Bryan Green
*Newport—Don Baker
North Bend—Ira C. Clark
Willey Memorial—James Miller
Zion—Allen Unger

Southeast Group

Group Ministerial Leader—Gerald Geiger
Lay Group Leader—Roy Ayers

Batavia—Gerald Geiger
*Blanchester Circuit—John F. Ferich
*Brown County Parish—John Sass
*Hillsboro-Bethany East Danville—Elmer Bosworth
Mowrystown—Harold Messmer
Wrightsville-Liberty Chapel—Wyvonne Freeman

Central Group

Group Ministerial Leader—Walter Miranda
Lay Group Leader—G. H. McConaughy

Aley—Robert Hoppe
Beavertown—E. R. Turner
Beardshear—Carl Vorpe
Belmont—M. B. Klepinger
Drexel—Rankin Roach
Eastmont—Dwayne Myers
Engelwood—James Bergland
Euclid Avenue—Emerson Bragg
William Hensley, Asst.
Fairview—Lorin Stine
J. Maurice Parsons, Asst.
First Church—Paul Herrick
Edward Ohms, Associate
Ft. McKinley—Carl Eschbach
Hartford Street—Harvey C. Clark
(Supply)
High Street—Earl Toy
Liberty—John Bergland
Miami Chapel—William Atkins
Miami Valley—James Allen
Miamisburg—Ambrose Aegerter
Normandy—Milford Ater
Oak Street—Paul Sharp
Oakwood—Harold Brown
Otterbein—Harvey C. Hahn
Residence Park—Don E. Gillespie
Riverside—Donald Harbaugh
Southern Hills—Ralph Tinsley
Trinity—Robert Foreman
Sulphur Grove—Edwin Pellett
Troy Street—Owen Delp
Vandalia—Walter Miranda
Wagner—James Conley
Wayne Avenue—Louis Odon
Zion—Richard Hedges

Northeast Group

Ministerial Group Leader—J. P. Hendrix
Lay Group Leader—Ernest Saul

Bowlusville—James Frazier
Columbus Avenue—C. R. Smith
(Supply)
Fletcher—J. P. Hendrix
*Ginghamsburg—Carl Hahn
Lagonda—Clifford Stearns
Lockington-New Hope—
Charles Kuhns
*Piqua—Eugene Griffith
Rosewood—Howard Hahn
Xenia—Earl Stockslager

Itinerant Elders Serving in Recognized Fields Of Service

O. O. Arnold—Editor of Sunday School Publications
E. E. Burtner—Professor, United Theological Seminary
E. H. Dailey—Executive Secretary, Temperance Education Foundation
Philip Deever—Professor of Bible and Religion, Otterbein College
J. Gordon Howard—President, Otterbein College
Fred L. Dennis—Bishop, Central Area
D. T. Gregory—Bishop, East Central Area
Joseph B. Henry—Family Counsellor
Bruce Herrick—Professor at Whealock College, Boston, Mass.
James McQuiston—Missionary to Africa
Roy D. Miller—Professor, United Theological Seminary
Walter N. Roberts—President, United Theological Seminary
Walter Schutz—Treasurer, United Theological Seminary
Harry Sinks—Home Missions appointment in Kentucky
George Young—Chaplain, U. S. Army
Robert Ryder—Secretary of Council of Churches, Attleboro, Mass.

F. L. DENNIS
W. K. MESSMER

Report No. 2

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

To our genial Bishop Dennis, brethren in the ministry, lay members of the one hundred forty-seventh session of Ohio-Miami Conference — greetings in the name of Christ. "Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will be brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures." James 1:16-18.

As I fill the increasing years in this assignment as Superintendent, completing now my seventh year, I gain no additional feeling of adequacy, quite to the contrary the tasks are ever beyond perfect accomplishment, and my poor judgments find me embarrassed as I reflect upon them. None the less. the strength of God uses our weakness for its own purpose, and it is God's addition that makes our work to any degree creditable.

The Ministry

There were three deaths during the year, and we have had appropriate memorial services in their honor. The deaths were Mrs. A. R. Clippinger, wife of our beloved Bishop Emeritus A. R. Clippinger, and Mrs. Ivory Zimmerman, wife of a faithful pastor whose death occurred in 1938. Mrs. John Swank, wife of the student pastor at Pyrmont, passed away last summer.

The pastoral changes have been more numerous during this year than customary. This is always difficult for a church, and while in most cases the changes were unavoidable, we hope such incidents of change will be kept at a minimum.

The following changes are to be noted: Rankin Roach was appointed at Drexel last summer. With the opening of Normandy Church September 1955. Milford Ater was appointed pastor. William Worth was appointed pastor at Antioch and James Conley was made pastor at Wagner. Philip Diehl resigned the Willey Memorial Church to accept a pastorate in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. James Miller replaced him. Charles Lane resigned the West Manchester Church to return to Indiana South Conference and John Russell replaced him. Upon the resignation of George Rosselot from State Road, Ed Younken was appointed.

We continue to be in great need of full-time ministers. and while most of the students who serve our churches do a good job. many of our most strategic churches will not develop as they should until the Conference can provide qualified full-time ministers. I hope we will never cease to be used by God in the many ways open to us to direct young men to hear the call to the ministry.

Honors have come to our men during the year. Harvey Hahn was given the Citizens Legion of Merit Award. This award. so well deserved. comes to Harvey after a quarter century of service to the Dayton community. M. B. Klepinger was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Otterbein College, a well deserved recognition. Rev. Klepinger is completing 19 years as pastor of Belmont. Paul Herrick has been chosen to receive the distinction of a 33rd degree in Masonry. Dana Heaton was designated young man of the year by the Newport Junior Chamber of Commerce. We congratulate these men. Without a doubt other men of our Conference have had honors given them, and if I have omitted anyone, please forgive me.

Two of our brethren are planning to retire: J. L. Armstrong and E. H. Nichols. Both of these men have given years of faithful service to the churches of the Conference. We trust they may have many years of satisfying retirement. These names are referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Several are ready for ordination, indeed one of the largest groups we have had in recent years. The following persons are referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for examination and appropriate recommendation: Donald Baker, Paul Chastain, Owen Delp, James Frazier, Forrest Garner, and Harold Messmer.

Harvey Smith is seeking admittance to our Conference as a Probationer from Western Pennsylvania Conference. He is referred to the Conference Relations Committee.

Richard Hedges seeks admittance from Ohio Southeast Conference. He is referred to the same Committee.

The following Probationers are recommended for consideration to have their credentials validated: Harley Brown, Robert Chastain, Robert Eschbach, Benjamin Brant, Robert Hoppe. Myron Ketron. Charles Ruth, Roy Schutz, Richard VanTine, Kenneth Campbell, and Robert Hoover.

The following persons seek Probationer's credentials and are hereby referred to the Conference Relations Committee: Kenneth Jenkins. Verona; David Schneider, Cherry Grove; Craig South, Piqua; and Raymond Puckett, Beavertown.

As I consider the 104 men serving as pastors and the three who are full-time assistant pastors, I am very proud of their skills and dedication. They are an outstanding group of men. We acknowledge problems; who are we to deny it. We acknowledge limitations; they are too well known. We acknowledge failure; that is an embarrassing part of the record. Nevertheless with all faults so willingly admitted, I can say they are a great team.

I have been made aware of the critical attitude of some of our churches more than usual this year. I would like to remind the lay members of the churches that a church gains a personality and a record quite as quickly as ministers. There are too many of our churches that blame a pastor for all their problems and seek a solution always by requesting the removal of a pastor. One of my tasks as Conference administrator is to point out to the churches, as well as to the ministers, the area of fault and I anticipate the necessity of such advice at this session of our Annual Conference.

Last year my report pointed out the distressing regularity of the criticism that we are not good pastors. That is, we do not call or contact our people in the intimate pastoral ministry so vital to a strong Christian life. This shepherding part of our task stands out in these complex days in bold relief, either as a failure or a success. May I encourage my colleagues to fulfill this ministry. "So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory." I Peter 5:1-4.

One could go on detailing the areas of strength and weakness in the relationship of pastor and church. May I enjoin each one to seek with honest self examination and better with Christian evaluation, and make such improvements as within the power of Christ will make us better ministers and more vital churches.

The Churches

In the spirit of St. Paul may I say I love my churches and more often than you may realize I think a prayer in your behalf. I am proud of your achievements and saddened by your failures. Every year there are worthy events and accomplishments to be recorded. Even during this annual session we honor the mother church of our denomination west of the Allegheny Mountains here in Germantown. The local church is celebrating its 150th birthday with a series of services this autumn.

New churches have been completed during the year at Brookville and St. Mark's, Hamilton. Brookville is a semi-gothic structure approaching $200,000 in value and beautiful to behold. While the church has not been dedicated, it has been in use for several months. Bishop Dennis dedicated the first part of St. Mark's permanent structure on February 12. This unit gives them good facilities for their development.

Ithaca is in the midst of building their new church.

Appropriate dedications were held this year at Lewisburg, climaxing several years of major enlargement and improvement. Lagonda Church dedicated a new educational unit and a completely rebuilt sanctuary. Educational buildings are nearing completion at Antioch, Pyrmont, Beavertown, Englewood, Farmersville and Wayne Avenue. Antioch, Pyrmont and Wayne Avenue have included remodeling of the sanctuary in their programs. Greenville, Verona are in early stages of a building program which will provide each church with needed new educational and social facilities. Several churches have secured new land and houses for future development. They are Aley, Vandalia, Cheviot, Zion (SW), Mt. Airy, Residence Park and Zion (C). During the year new parsonages have been dedicated at Potsdam, Hyde Park, Mt. Airy, New Haven and Ginghamsburg. Also during the year a Memorial Prayer Room was dedicated at the Clifton Church.

Major building programs are in immediate prospect at the following churches: Springboro, Residence Park, High Street, Otterbein, First Church, Mt. Healthy, Pleasant Ridge, Union Chapel, Eastmont and Aley.

There are, of course, many improvements which are not specifically mentioned here for which the churches deserve commendation.

This summation of the physical improvements in the churches leaves many important aspects of church life unrecognized.

May I record my commendation for the following aspects of church life which I believe have shown growth during recent years. The development of a regular program of evangelism which covers the entire year. It is less and less true that the evangelistic outreach of the church is confined to a specific period of the year. We are realizing that every activity has its evangelistic implication. The disciplinary injunction of instruction of those who unite with the church is more universally followed. The program of lay visitation is producing uniformly excellent results for both the new people reached and the laymen who participate.

In the program of Christian Education more churches are developing significant youth programs and a vacation church school program is in practically all of our churches.

The marked improvement in church attendance in recent years is attributable to the development of multiple worship services. I believe this is vital to the growth of all our city or suburban churches. The motivation for planning more than one worship service on Sunday morning should be simply to reach more people for Christ and the church. The church that argues that the one service which is held does not crowd the facilities may be wasting the opportunity to grow significantly. I urge all the churches to give serious consideration to this multiple ministry.

Our life is more and more complex and the organizational life of the church must compete with a crowded time schedule. Consequently the traditional patterns may need constant revision. It would appear sometimes that the church adds to the confusion. Let us be sure that our distinctive role is fulfilled. The enrichment of life for all ages, the development of a Christlike spirit and attitude is the business of the church and its agencies. This must include prayer, Bible study, and a discovery of the ways to apply Christian teaching in the world we live in.

I believe the churches provide some stimulus for an awakening social conscience. Much more is said and done with respect to Christian responsibility in the community than once was the case. Nevertheless let us recognize the feeble efforts in this phase of our church life. With embarrassment we must admit the general ineffectiveness of the church in the social issues of our time. We are long on proclamations and short on fulfillment.

If you study the official attitude of our denomination and our Annual Conference in our high moments of Christian statesmanship, you know it is in the accomplishments that we are dreadfully backward.

One of the areas which puts increasing pressure upon us for fulfillment is the integration of church life to include people of all races. I think we no longer need to argue the point. We simply need to be Christian enough to say that anyone is welcome into the fellowship of the local Evangelical United Brethren churches of every community. I hope the churches will not be satisfied until this is an actual reality.

I think we have done a good job in developing high standards of personal conduct, an area of Christian life that needs constant emphasis, but we are very remiss in developing the soil in which the development of a world community can be expected on a peaceful basis. We are, it seems to me, too much committed to a military program to make a world of Christian Brotherhood.

Statistics

I am always interested in statistics. I hope you are too. I readily acknowledge their limitation to tell the whole story, but they sometimes shock us into greater effort.

I think in almost every particular the statistics look good this year. You are to be commended. The results are yours and the credit belongs to you. In connection with this report I am distributing a summation of certain records which I hope you will find interesting. These are not official statistics. I will leave that report for the Statistician. None the less they are reasonably accurate.

I am including an appendix to my report. It is a 25 year record of our accessions, losses and net gains or losses. This year we had the largest number of accessions we have had in this 25 year period. My opinion is that we have

received more new members than in any previous year of our history. Even if this it true, it is as it should be — "to whom much is given much is required." We are short of the Ten Win One objective by more than 800. I think, however, we can say we have had a good year. Fewer churches than usual report no accessions and more churches reached the goal.

We have received 2,672 new members and had a net gain of 662, making our Conference membership 36,055.

In finances we have had an excellent year. Only a few of our churches did not pay the new Benevolence allocation in full. Several of these churches have committed themselves to a more diligent effort for next year. I greatly appreciate your work in this area. It is the life blood of our denominational world program as well as our Conference work. More of your benevolence dollar goes to the mission enterprise of our great church than to any other cause — which is as it should be.

The United Crusade record for the year will be made known tomorrow in the special presentation, however, let me say that most of the pastors and churches have done an excellent job. We are practically on schedule when you consider that we did not begin our program until late in September 1955. Let me remind you, however, that money is more easily raised in the early stages of a campaign. If at all possible get ahead of the schedule.

Other areas which deserve special mention are the W.S.W.S. advance of $4000 over last year, the Otterbein Home offering was nearly one thousand dollars ahead of last year and well above the one dollar per member average.

The offering for Conference Missions was more than $8600. This is well beyond our goal of $6000, and I can assure you we can use every dollar for advancement.

The Expansion Program

I think that you can hear the enthusiastic comments about our advance program in the establishment of new churches everywhere you go. I would like to tell you of the establishment of the Normandy Church.

Last year you will discover on examination of the Conference minutes it was reported we had been granted an allocation of territory south of Oakwood. At the time of the meeting of the Annual Conference we were discussing with Mr. Richard Grant the possibility of renting Normandy as a place to begin a new church. Even though the matter had been discussed it did not seem likely that such an arrangement could be made. There had been no consideration whatsoever given to the purchase of the property. No offer for sale had been made and we knew of no contemplated offer. Shortly after the last Annual Conference session. negotiations began which included the offer to sell by Mr. Grant. Exploration of the property was made by the Board of Missions. the Conference Council of Administration and other qualified individuals, such as architects, etc. Finally after numerous meetings a proposal was made by which the property could be secured. The offer was the large residence, the gate house and all adjoining facilities included in a twelve and one-half acre plot. The financial arrangements are that we purchased the property on a ten-year sales contract for a total price of $125,000, payable $12,500 each year with one percent interest beginning January 1, 1957. Mr. Grant holds the mortgage on the property. In addition Mr. Grant left many items of furniture which materially helped the new congregation and had value totalling thousands of dollars. On September 1st, Milford Ater was appointed pastor and plans rapidly developed to have the first service on September 18. Even before the new pastor took charge there had already developed a nucleus of strong EUB families to help plan the opening service. It has had wonderful success from the very first Sunday when more than two hundred were in attendance. The Conference Board of Missions agreed to pay the pastor and other necessary current expenses in the beginning, however, by December 1st of last year the Normandy Church assumed its total current local obligations and though not assigned a Benevolence allocation has paid $550 to the Conference during this year, in addition to other Benevolent contributions.

The pastor deserves great commendation for the rapidly developing congregation, but I am sure he would be the first to acknowledge that many families from our other churches in the Dayton area have contributed largely to its growth. It is an inspiration to meet with these people. Needless to say there

are problems in the adaptation of this residence to the program of a church, but I am very gratified by the intelligence with which these people are planning for the future. Rev. Ater occupies the gate house which is an excellent parsonage. This move taking place prior to January 1, 1956 was to make the property eligible for tax exemptions and provide more space for the developing program. You will be interested to know that Mr. Grant continues his interest in the church. He supports the church financially in a very generous manner, in addition to the help he provides in the care of the grounds.

I am sure that no step has been taken by our Conference that has captured the public notice and commendation by the entire community like this one. While the entire official family, the Board of Missions and the Council of Administration, of our Conference were well aware of the importance and risk of this development, the decision to proceed is a tribute to their vision. The Normandy Church will be received into the Conference by appropriate resolutions from the Committee on Appropriation, Boundary and Finance.

This Conference will hear a report of a special committee, authorized by the Council of Administration, to discover possible means of raising funds for the further advance work of our Conference. Several of our churches are in the midst of fabulous opportunities for growth if we can advance resources to them which they can ultimately repay. We must do everything possible to help these churches capitalize on their opportunity.

The Organizations of the Conference

The work of Christian Education has been given for the first time, "with the election of a full-time director," the attention it deserves. I am sure that as this program develops we will discover that Christian Education in the local church, which is the primary arena of action for all our work, will take on new meaning. I am grateful that this phase of our Conference life, as well as the vital role played by our Camp Miami program, is getting the leadership that will enlarge and enrich it. The age group directors are in my view doing an excellent job and are to be commended.

I am impressed with the excellent leadership given to our W.S.W.S. by the Branch officers. I travel with these women to many areas of the Conference, and I appreciate very much the time and energy they give. I am also grateful for their intelligent guidance to the churches which have problems in this phase of the work.

The officers of the Conference EUB Men are doing a good job against discouraging circumstances. The fact that only about forty of our churches have organized men's groups is symptomatic of their problem. I hope the pastors will support Conference functions for men even though your own church is not organized formally for men's work.

The auxiliary organizations in the Conference keep us sensitized about the practical needs of the Otterbein Home and United Seminary, and we are grateful for their efforts. We also gladly commend the various district federations of both men and women for their helpfulness in Conference work.

One group in the Conference that is frequently overlooked. and these persons give quite a little time during the year, is the Conference Council of Administration. While this group has broad powers to act in behalf of the Conference, I can assure you the responsibility is assumed seriously and the record of attendance of representatives of all part of the Conference is excellent. The ministerial district leaders are also a willing team to assist in the fulfillment of our goals.

No group I suppose spends more time in Conference responsibilities than the Board of Missions, and particularly its Executive Committee. Many of the problems are perplexing and the need for meetings is frequent. I would like to commend these persons for their faithfulness. The Conference Relations Committee has met more than the usual number of times this year to discuss the important personnel business. I am grateful for their efforts. The Commission on Churches in Town and Country and the Commission on the Urban Church are active and I believe effective. The Board of Evangelism conducted a helpful one-day Institute last January. Every commission and board of the Conference given responsibility is an active unit with one or two exceptions. Many deserve mention. May I, however, simply say "Thanks" for a good year.

Many recommendations come from the Boards and Agencies of the Confer-

ence. May I make a few direct to the Conference Committees. I recommend:

1. A full Benevolence Budget.
2. The United Crusade allocations met in every church. That each church pay something on their allocation by October 1st, the anniversary of the launching of the Campaign, and if at all possible every church pay in full.
3. An effective conclusion to the five-year support program for Camp Miami during this coming year, and an adequate continuing program of support which will make advance possible.
4. The continuing establishment of new churches in the Conference as rapidly as opportunities and resources are available, and the authorization of the Conference to discover financial resources to churches in strategic areas.
5. The provisions for some advance project goals to accompany the observance of our Sesquicentennial year.
6. Continual goals in Evangelism that will keep each church at maximum levels of strength and development.
7. The development of the financial strength of the local churches by an adequate program of Stewardship. The blessings of the United Canvass can come to all our churches ultimately.
8. That the emphasis of all our Conference work have as its purpose the strengthening of the local church.
9. A careful study of the denominational objectives and a creative adaptation of these to the local church so that each church is unmistakenly an Evangelical United Brethren unit advancing the cause of Christ.

Personal

A personal word, I believe, is appropriate in such a report. This has been a difficult year. The principle reason being the numerous changes in pastoral assignment.

My work has been greatly assisted by the establishment of the office at the Seminary. I appreciate very much the increasing skill of Mrs. Thelma Templeton who serves as secretary to both Bishop Dennis and myself. She also does her work with fine spirit of cooperation.

The establishment of the office means that my home is less involved in the duties of the administrative detail, and while I am absent from home just as much, I appreciate the rest and release it offers. No one knows, and I hope no one ever tells, how many rough spots my family must absorb, particularly as the Conference Session approaches, but I am certain of their love in spite of it — and I am thankful for my family. As we set ourselves for the fulfillment of this year, I will endeavor to give the best I have to the affairs of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
W. K. MESSMER

Appendix To Conference Superintendents Report

CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

Year	Confession of Faith	Certificate of Trasfer	Certificate of Membership	Total	Lost	Net Gain or Loss
1932	1141	476	000	1617	1516	101
1933	1265	394	000	1659	1349	310
1934	1113	467	226	1706	1237	469
1935	1174	275	204	1653	1596	57
1936	900	264	216	1380	1380	000
1937	858	291	232	1381	1267	114
1938	1086	267	260	1613	1617	—4
1939	986	208	232	1426	1181	245
1940	1028	251	236	1515	1052	463
1941	1053	233	272	1558	1218	340
1942	1009	250	266	1525	1148	377
1943	950	205	279	1434	1017	417
1944	1047	233	216	1496	1203	293
1945	1200	257	251	1708	1212	496

1946	1296	258	338	1892	1090	802
1947	1244	305	398	1947	1639	308
1948	1111	287	357	1755	1270	485
1949	1375	307	447	2129	1876	253
1950	1550	369	595	2514	1574	930
1951	1234	248	408	1890	1531	359
1952	1483	323	619	2425	2231	194
1953	1436	297	493	2226	1614	612
1954	1383	400	472	2255	2220	35
1955	1468	431	547	2446	2012	434
1956	1521	482	669	2676	2010	662

Report No. 3

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

To our esteemed Bishop, F. L. Dennis and Conference Superintendent, Wm. K. Messmer, Brethren in the Ministry, Members and Friends of our Conference:

As I address my first report as Program Director to the one-hundred and forty-seventh session of our Conference, I do so with a great mixture of feelings.

My first feeling is a deep sense of gratitude. I am grateful for the leadership and assistance which came to me in a great many ways, and it is difficult to enumerate all who have helped. Naturally I appreciate greatly the leadership of our Bishop and Superintendent. The work of Christian Education is dependent upon the untiring efforts of the members of the Board who give of themselves without reserve. To them I say a hearty 'thank you,' and request from them continued support and prayers.

The labors of our caretaker, Arvids Zumburs, makes the program at Camp Miami possible. He is a tower of strength, and a tireless worker. To him should go the credit for the fine way that the Camp looks, and to him I express my sincere thanks.

The camp employee staff, made up of cooks and helpers, under the very capable guidance of Mrs. Nora Longman, deserves a word of thanks. The increased volume of income is only possible as these people are willing to work long hours to provide meals for the many groups who come to the camp.

And of course I want to express a word of appreciation to the members of the conference and the people of the churches who make this job possible and necessary.

In the second place I have the feeling that my own efforts have meant little to the success of our work. and while I wish to make no false confession of humility, I am deeply aware of my own limitations, and pray that God will see fit to use the energies of my life in the work of His kingdom. I consider in a very real way that my task is a stewardship which has been entrusted to my hands, and while there may be little relationship between potatoes and prayers, or meat and meditation, I consider the physical operation of the plant an important part of the total program. I trust that I will not become so lost in the maze of management that I cannot find my way to the real work of Christian Education which is one of the major responsibilities. Naturally I am concerned that my work will become a means whereby the effectiveness of the work of the local churches can be and will be enhanced. I will appreciate opportunities to guide and serve in the program of your local church. Since I am in no way an expert, you can, by using me, help to contribute to my education and experience.

In the third place I can hardly realize that a full year has gone by and I have achieved so little in the face of the prodigious tasks to be done.

This being my first annual report, I find it necessary to explore my way so that I can give you as complete a summary as possible without including endless and meaningless details. As I said in one quarterly report, I wish to be penetrating but not boring, exhaustive but not exhausting. Without a pattern to follow, I shall include the following areas of activities in my report:

Conference Responsibilities and Activities

Include: Council of Administration and Board of Christian Education and several committees within the groups. I have been active in camping and other

work of the Board of Christian Education; served as assigned member of the Board of Missions, Town and Country Church Commission, Urban Church Commission, and Commission on Evangelism. United Crusade Committee; EUB Men; Represented Camp Miami at eight District Women's Federations; and attended 10 District Ministerial Meetings.

Denominational Responsibilities

Member of General Board of Christian Education; Member of the Camp Committee; General Board member of committee on Ministry to Students; Inter-Conference Council; Board of Directors E.U.B. Student Work in Ohio. Committee of Conference Directors of Christian Education of Ohio.

Interdenominational Activities

Assembly—Ohio Council of Churches
Member—Town and Country Department, and Department of Christian Education of Ohio Council of Churches.

Conferences

During this year I attended the following conventions and conferences as an official representative or delegate:
International Sunday School Convention, Cleveland, Ohio.
Visual Education Workshop, Green Lake, Wisconsin.
National Convocation on Church in Town and Country, Springfield, Mass.
Ohio Pastors Convention, Columbus, Ohio.
Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, Cincinnati, Ohio.
E.U.B. Men's Congress, Indianapolis, Indiana.
State Youth Convention, Columbus, Ohio.

Other Activities

Include preaching at 22 Worship services, delivering 10 speeches, conducting six funerals, and performing three marriages. While activity may not always be productive, it is none-the-less time consuming.

In addition to the detailed account of activities, I serve as General Director of Christian Education, editor of the Miami-Messenger, and manager of the camp. Separate reports of the Board and the Miami Messenger will follow in the program today, and the treasurers report will reveal the business operation of the camp. From this latter area of work I should like to make these comments: A total of 6500 persons attended various functions at the camp during the conference year just closed. This number includes outside groups as well as our own conference activities. To these persons, 25,000 meals were served.

Administration of the Improvement funds, as well as management of the building, falls naturally in the province of my work. Several projects were completed this year, including, rehabilitation of the Camp Manse; redecoration of first floor halls, plus new floors, new equipment for the kitchen; work on Vesper hill, camp-fire site, and parking area; improvement of lighting, both indoors and out; chapel drapes, and numerous smaller developments.

While you will observe that an important part of my time and attention during this past year has been given over to operation, I am well aware that there are much larger responsibilities. Since I am the first full-time resident Director it seemed necessary to expand and organize the management practices of the camp.

When we look at the total task of the program director, especially as it relates to Christian Education. we can appreciate the fact that there is much to be done. Our camping program is, to a limited degree, a successful one, but it certainly shall not be the only one that receives our attention. We need to launch out in efforts that will strengthen and enhance the program of the local Sunday School and Church. We observe with appreciation all that is being done but we must admit that there are areas where we need to grow. We need to strengthen the Sunday School, improve Men's Work, enlarge the training opportunities for teachers, develop better lines of communication between the conference and the people, provide membership training for our

children and adults, and expand the use of evangelism in all its phases.

These are tasks which we can do together, gaining strength from one another. The life of each local church is of vital concern to us, and together we must grow.

I do not have an adopted plan of work for the current quadrennium, but I have a hope that the emphases will go somewhat like this:

First year, OPERATION
Second year, PROGRAM
Third year, UNIFICATION of total task of Christian Education.
Fourth year, SERVICE to churches.

Put them all together (opus) and they spell "work."

This report has been sketchy and leaves much unsaid, but it is difficult to compress into a short paper the work of a year.

We look forward to the next year with dedicated enthusiasm and willingness to labor in God's kingdom.

I close on the same note on which I began — a deep sense of gratitude, thanking God for His love and protection, and praying for His continued guidance.

Finally, a word of thanks to my family for their help and support in a thousand ways.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES C. MESSMER

Report No. 4

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Meetings of the Council of Administration were held in September, December, March and May at which reports of the officers of the Conference were received, progress reports were made, and plans for Conference activities were discussed. Special meetings of the Council were also held in July and August.

The actions voted at these meetings include the following:

1. To authorize the President and Secretary of the Conference Board of Trustees to proceed with negotiations to purchase the Richard H. Grant's property located in Washington township. The proposed purchase price was $125,000.00. Mr. L. L. Huffman was granted advisory relations to the Conference Board of Trustees and/or Board of Missions in relationship to the project of purchasing the Richard H. Grant estate and the forming of a church at this location.

2. To authorize the Conference Board of Trustees to co-sign a note with the Beavertown Church to the extent of $70,000.00. This loan is to consist of two notes bearing 4% interest. Payments are to be made semi-annually and the entire amount is to be paid in 10 years.

3. To set the date of the Annual Conference on June 12, 13 and 14, 1956, at Camp Miami, Germantown, Ohio.

4. To approve the recommendation of the Conference Board of Christian Education that Dr. Lorin Stine serve as an elected member of the Board replacing Dr. Harvey Hahn who is already a member of the Board because of his being the Conference Director of Evangelism.

5. That the Program Director shall be an ex officio member of the Boards of Missions and Evangelism and of the Commissions on Town and Country Work and the Urban Church.

6. That at the end of the Second Quarter all ministers delinquent in sending their quarterly reports to the Superintendent shall be requested to appear personally before the Conference Council of Administration at their own expense to give explanation for their delinquency. It was also voted that the Conference Secretary shall inform all the ministers of the Conference of this action.

7. To purchase a used Edison Voice Transcriber for the Conference office at an approximate cost of $65.00.

8. To register all full-time ministers of the Conference at the Ohio Pastors' Convention.

9. To hold an Institute for Church Trustees on January 21, 1956, at Camp Miami. The program for this day is to be in charge of Superintendent Messmer

and such other people as he may select.

10. That the item of $2,400.00 in the Conference Budget designated for building at Hamilton St. Mark's be transferred to equipment for St. Mark's.

11. To authorize the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Conference to borrow $8,000.00 when needed from our New Madison Church at 4% interest for Conference Missions purposes.

12. To increase the mileage allowance for travel on Conference business from 5 to 6c per mile effective as of December 13, 1955.

13. That all ministers currently delinquent (Dec. 13, 1955) in payments to the Group Insurance Fund and presently serving within the Conference be notified to appear before the next meeting of the Conference Council for consideration of disciplinary action. It was agreed that delinquents shall be interpreted as behind for more than one payment.

14. Authorized Bishop Dennis to write Verlin Mikesell, Donald Abbey and Charles W. White regarding delinquency in Group Insurance program.

15. That Superintendent Messmer, Harvey Hahn, and Murn Klepinger be a committee to confer with Dr. W. N. Roberts regarding the distribution of scholarship aid funds at United Seminary which the Conference may have available at this time.

16. To designate Bishop Dennis, Superintendent Messmer, C. C. Messmer, Emerson Bragg, W. A. Hohn, Ruth Eschbach, Carl Eschbach, W. N. Miranda, W. C. Reichert, Murn Klepinger, and Harvey Hahn as an Executive Committee of the Council of Administration.

17. To authorize the Trustees of the Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church, Hamilton County, Ohio, to mortgage its parsonage in the amount of $12,000.00.

18. To join with the other Conferences in the Otterbein College area to help in providing funds for a chaplain for students at Otterbein. The Ohio Miami Conference was asked to contribute $720.00 annually for this project.

19. To discontinue services at the White Oak Church as of March 29, 1956 and to pay the salary of the pastor for the year. It was also voted that the Conference Superintendent should prepare a statement which the pastor, James Riley, should read to the members of the Congregation. It was suggested that the pastor be instructed to see that the Conference interests are protected and if some other denomination is interested in conducting services to encourage such procedure.

20. To appoint Mr. Elmer Cope as a member of the Conference Commission on Christian Social Action replacing the Rev. William Worth who has resigned.

21. To recommend that scholarship assistance be given for the summer school of Pastoral Care at Miami Valley Hospital. It was recommended that the Commissions on Urban Church and Town and Country Church consider use of funds under their direction for this purpose.

22. To appoint Dr. Harvey Hahn, Rev. Ralph Tinsley and Superintendent Messmer as a committee to work with the Germantown Church to prepare the program commemorating the 150th anniversary of this Church at the time of the Annual Conference Session.

23. To appoint Charles Messmer, W. K. Messmer, Miriam Erbaugh, Morris Gribler, Harvey Hahn, Lorin Stine, Howard James, Mrs. Charles Mumma, Dorothy Hayes, Edward Ohms, William Hensley, Carl Vorpe, Vera House, and the officers of the Conference Youth Fellowship as delegates to the Christian Education Convention at Lake Koronis in the summer of 1956.

24. To authorize the Superintendent to try to raise an additional $300.00 for the United Christian Youth Fellowship at Miami University within the bounds of the Ohio Miami Conference. It was also voted to grant an emergency appropriation of $300.00 to this Fellowship.

25. To appoint the Revs. Emerson Bragg, C. C. Messmer, and Ed Hammon as a committee to arrange for the publication of the Conference Minutes.

26. To refer the Memorial List printed in the Conference Minutes to the Historical Committee for such correction and revision as may be necessary.

27. To authorize the Conference Calendar Committee to complete the preparation for the printing of the Calendars in time for distribution at the Annual Conference Session.

28. To hold a Social Action Workshop on Sunday, November 4, 1956 at Camp Miami.

29. To authorize the Superintendent to appoint a committee to study plans as may be submitted by a bonding company for the issuance of debenture bonds for the promotion of our Missions Projects and Church Building Programs.

30. To send a letter of appreciation to the United Theological Seminary for its granting office space to be used for a Conference office.

31. Regarding air-conditioning of the Bishop's Manse it was voted that in view of the uncertainty of the status of the present residence as a Manse, we disapprove of the request to air-condition the Manse at this time.

32. Regarding the credentials of Richard Hedges, Kenneth Campbell, and James Frazier the following resolution was voted:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Miami Conference has received credentials from the Ohio Southeast Conference of Richard Hedges, and that

WHEREAS, Mr. Hedges had been advised to allow his credentials to remain in Ohio Southeast Conference by our Conference Relations Committee, be it

RESOLVED, that said credentials be turned over to our Conference Superintendent, Dr. Messmer, and Bishop Dennis, and that further action be taken after they have conferred with the Conference Superintendent of Ohio Southeast Conference.

Communication regarding the credentials voted to Kenneth Campbell to the Central Pennsylvania Conference, and the action taken to receive the transfer of James Frazier from the Central Pennsylvania Conference was read to the Council. No action was taken regarding this communication. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations at the next session.

33. That the President and Secretary of the Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to co-sign with the Trustees of the Lewisburg Church for a loan of 4,000 from the Department of Church Extension and Home Missions of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

EMERSON D. BRAGG, Secretary

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, BOUNDARY AND FINANCE

The Committee on Appropriations, Boundary and Finance recommends:

1. That the Ohio Miami Conference shall consist of one superintendent's district.
2. That the salary of the Conference Superintendent be $6,000.00 and house. That the superintendent be allowed $1,500.00 per year for travel expenses and the Conference pay the utilities bills at the Conference Manse. That the Conference pay an amount equal to 9%, of the superintendent's salary to the Board of Pensions. (It is understood that utilities shall include water, gas, electric, telephone and fuel oil.)
3. That the Conference Superintendent be granted one month vacation at whatever time or times he may find most convenient.
4. That the salary of the Program Director be $5,150.00. He is to live at Camp Miami, and his travel expenses are to be paid by the Board of Christian Education and Camp Miami at the rate of 6c per mile.
5. That the salary of the Recording Secretary be $180.00; of the Statistician, $180.00; and the Treasurer, $880.00.
6. That the Conference approve the practice of holding Group Local Conferences and that such Group Local Conferences shall be held at the discretion of the superintendent.
7. That the Revs. Ralph Tinsley, H. Hahn, and M. B. Klepinger be a special committee to designate the recipients of the Cora E. Scott scholarship and the Kurtz scholarship.
8. That the Conference Council of Administration shall consist of the members designated in the Discipline, plus the ministerial and lay group leaders appointed by the Committee on Assignments as authorized by the Discipline.
9. That the offerings received during the Annual Conference be designated for the Conference expense.
10. That the Conference Council meet quarterly and/or at the call of the Bishop and the Conference Superintendent. That the Council of Administration at its first meeting elect an Executive Committee.

11. That the Conference Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Conference Board of Christian Education, be authorized to purchase or sell parcels of land adjacent to Camp Miami.
12. That an appropriation be made for student work in the state universities of Ohio.
13. That a charge of 50c each be made for the Conference Minutes. The bill for the Minutes is to be sent to the treasurer of the local church.
14. That the World Communion offerings be given to the Conference Missions Funds.
15. Appropriations:

a. Administrative (Preferred)		
Superintendent's Salary	$ 6,000.00	
Superintendent's Travel Expense	1,500.00	
Utilities, Conference Manse	450.00	
Pensions	849.00	
Secretarial Expense (Conf. Office)	1,200.00	
Program Director's Salary	5,150.00	
Secretary's Salary	180.00	
Statistician's Salary	180.00	
Treasurer's Salary	880.00	
Travel and Convention: Officers, Boards and Committees	900.00	
Total Administrative		$17,289.00
b. Board of Missions		12,725.00
c. General Operations and Education		
Board of Christian Education	$ 2,250.00	
Miami Messenger	300.00	
Printing and General Expense	2,000.00	
Ohio Council of Churches	1,750.00	
Rural Church Commission	300.00	
Urban Church Commission	300.00	
Student Work at state universities	2,000.00	
Board of Ministerial Training	25.00	
Historical Committee	100.00	
Evangelism Commission	200.00	
Social Action Commission	125.00	
Stewardship Commission	100.00	
Session Expense	300.00	
Property Maintenance and Taxes	750.00	
Chaplain, Otterbein College	720.00	
Office Expense (Telephone, etc.)	450.00	
Group Ministerial Registration, Ohio Pastors' Convention	225.00	
Total General Operations and Education		$11,895.00
d. Ministerial Retirement Aid		4,100.00
e. Group Insurance		2,500.00
f. Moving Expense		2,200.00
g. Episcopal Equity Fund		2,103.00
h. General Causes		53,076.00
i. Contingency		5,256.00
Total		$111,144.00

16. That the Moores Fork Church be declared abandoned, the property sold and the assets distributed equally between the Second Creek and Midland churches.
17. That we welcome into the fellowship of the churches of the Ohio Miami Conference the Normandy Evangelical United Brethren Church.
18. That Weavers Station and Castine each be made a station.
19. That Pleasant Ridge and Jacksonburg each be made a station.
20. That the Board of Missions be instructed to set up a receding scale of payments on current expense appropriations granted to local churches.
21. That the churches of the Ohio Miami Conference be divided into the following Group Leader Districts:

Northwest Group

Abbotsville
Antioch
Arcanum
Arlington
Brookville
Castine
Caylor Chapel
Clayton
Eldorado
Eaton
Greenville
Heistand
Ithaca
Nashville
Lewisburg
New Madison
New Hope
Otterbein
Phillipsburg
Pyrmont
Potsdam
Rose Hill
Rossburg
Savona
Union City
Verona
Wares Chapel
Waterhouse
Weaver Station
West Manchester
West Sonora
Yankeetown
Yorkshire

West Group

Farmersville
Germantown
Greenbush
Hamilton, First
Hamilton, Ninth Street
Hamilton, St. Marks
Jacksonburg
Johnsville
Maple Park
Middletown
Millville
Otterbein Home
Oregonia
Pleasant Ridge
Springboro
State Road
Union Chapel
Utica
West Elkton

Southwest Group

Bevis
Cherry Grove
Cheviot
Clifton
Clough
College Hill
Dunlap
Five Mile
Harrison
Hyde Park
Mt. Airy
Mt. Healthy
New Haven
Newport
North Bend
Willey Memorial
Zion

Central Group

Aley
Beardshear
Beavertown
Belmont
Eastmont
Englewood
Euclid Avenue
Drexel
Fairview
First Church
Ft. McKinley
Hartford Street
High Street
Liberty
Miami Chapel
Miami Valley
Miamisburg
Normandy
Oak Street
Oakwood
Otterbein
Residence Park
Riverside
Sulphur Grove
Southern Hills
Trinity
Troy Street
Vandalia
Wagner
Wayne Avenue
Zion

Southeast Group

Batavia
Blanchester Circuit
Bloom Rose
Browntown
East Danville
Hillsboro, Bethany
Ketterman
Liberty Chapel
Midland
Mowrystown
Second Creek
Sonner Chapel
Union Plains
Wrightsville

Northeast Group

Bowlusville
Columbus Avenue
Fletcher
Ginghamsburg
Lagonda
Lockington
New Hope
Piqua
Rosewood
Xenia

22. That the Benevolence and United Crusade quotas be as follows: (Note: 1st Column, Benevolence Allocation, annual; 2nd Column, United Crusade Allocation, 4 years.)

Northwest Group

Abbotsville	$ 264	$ 600	Otterbein	$ 456	$ 1050
Caylor Chapel	384	850	Savona	336	750
Antioch	1200	2800	Phillipsburg	1200	2700
Arcanum	1800	4000	Pyrmont	504	1150
Arlington	624	1400	Potsdam	600	1350
Brookville	1248	2800	West Sonora	252	550
Castine	468	1030	Rossburg Circuit		
Weaver Station	232	525	Hiestand	192	425
Clayton	1068	2400	Rose Hill	300	650
Eldorado	480	1060	Rossburg	96	200
Eaton	552	1250	Yorkshire	156	400
Greenville	1512	3400	Union City	1560	3500
Ithaca	900	2000	Verona	900	2000
Nashville	456	1000	Wares Chapel	612	1400
Lewisburg	972	2200	Waterhouse	360	800
New Madison	1200	2500	West Manchester	492	1100
New Hope	480	1100	Yankeetown	288	625
			District Total	$22,144	$49,565

Central Group

Aley	492	1100	Miamisburg	1056	2400
Beavertown	1896	4200	Normandy	600	
Beardshear	1344	3150	Oak Street	4224	9400
Belmont	3900	8600	Oakwood	1584	3600
Eastmont	408	950	Otterbein	3252	7200
Englewood	780	1750	Residence Park	1248	3000
Euclid Avenue	3600	7200	Riverside	458	1000
Drexel	1272	2850	Sulphur Grove	912	2000
Fairview	4224	9400	Southern Hills	1320	3000
First Church	4224	9400	Trinity	2016	4500
Ft. McKinley	1536	3500	Troy	828	1850
Hartford Street	924	2000	Vandalia	1968	4400
High Street	1500	3200	Wagner	924	2000
Liberty	1392	3200	Wayne Avenue	1608	3600
Miami Chapel	876	2000	Zion	408	950
Miami Valley	60	200	District Total	$50,834	$111,600

Southwest Group

Bevis	384	900	Mt. Airy	840	1900
Cherry Grove	1080	2400	Mt. Healthy	1116	2600
Five Mile	144	300	New Haven	540	1200
Cheviot	1596	3600	Harrison	264	600
Clifton	1392	2800	Newport	648	1500
Clough	936	2100	North Bend	756	1700
College Hill	756	1700	Willey Memorial	552	1250
Dunlap	240	550	Zion	648	1450
Hyde Park	372	850	District Total	$12,264	$27,400

Southeast Group

Batavia	$ 898	$ 2000	Union Plains	$ 180	$ 400
Midland City	120	265	Hillsboro-Bethany	420	850
Second Creek	180	400	East Danville	132	300
Brown County Parish			Mowrystown	456	1024
Bloom Rose	144	310	Wrightsville	120	280
Browntown	132	285	Liberty Chapel	84	200
Ketterman	84	200	District Total	$2,950	$6,514

West Group

Farmersville	$ 1140	$ 2550	Otterbein Home	$ 1104	$ 2500
Germantown	1728	3325	Oregonia	204	450
Greenbush	228	500	Pleasant Ridge	584	1300
Hamilton, First	1788	4000	Jacksonburg	432	950
Hamilton, Ninth St.	828	1850	Springboro	456	1000
Hamilton, St. Marks	192	400	State Road	408	900
Johnsville	672	1500	Union Chapel	624	1400
Maple Park	396	900	Utica	216	500
Middletown	2592	5400	West Elkton	300	660
Millville	516	1160	District Total	$14,408	$31,245

Northeast Group

Bowlusville	$ 732	$ 1650	New Hope	324	700
Columbus Avenue	468	1050	Piqua	1200	2650
Fletcher	864	1920	Rosewood	828	1850
Ginghamsburg	672	1500	Xenia	888	2000
Lagonda	2208	5000	District Total	$ 8,544	$19,120
Lockington	360	800			
		Total Allocation		$111,144	$245,444

Board of Missions Budget for 1956—1957

Income:			
Appropriation	$12,725.00		
E.U.B. Men	1,800.00		
Conference Mission Offering	10,000.00		
Special Gifts	7,939.00		
Total Income Budget	$32,464.00		
Expenditures:			
Otterbein Home		$ 1,120.00	
Flat Rock Children's Home		2,640.00	
New Madison Church (interest)		320.00	
Real Estate Fund		5,104.00	
Board of Pensions		1,080.00	
			$10.264.00
St. Mark's — Repayment on Bank Loan		2,400.00	
Eastmont Church		2,600.00	
Hyde Park Church		1,000.00	
Blanchester		200.00	
Pleasant Ridge		1,000.000	
Aley Church		500.00	
Normandy Church		12,500.00	
			$20,200.00
Contingent			2,000.00
Total Expense Budget			$32,464.00

EMERSON D. BRAGG, Secretary

Report No. 6

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of your Auditing Committee, have made a thorough examination of the books of the Conference Treasurers. We find that they have been correctly kept and are in exact balance with respect to their receipts and disbursements.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. REICHERT
GEORGE T. RIEGLE
M. R. MORELAND

Report No. 7

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

General Statement

Resolved: That we adopt the Report of the Board of Christian Education, and commend the Director for the comprehensive nature of his first report. We have been examining and studying the various areas of Christian Education now in operation in our Conference.

We recommend that these practices and the work of other denominational church groups be further studied as a means for developing a comprehensive program of Christian Education for our Conference.

The excellent reports of our churches suggest that they have been alert to the opportunities presented by our rapidly developing industrial communities. May they retain the vision. May they make full use of their program of Christian Education.

We further commend the developing program of the age group leaders and trust that they will succeed in passing on to our local churches their enthusiasm and techniques.

Program Emphases

Resolved: That the churches and Sunday Schools of the Conference include in their yearly program of Christian Education —

a. The organization of a Board of Christian Education in the local church in accordance with paragraphs 1176-1208 of the Discipline.
b. Support of the program of Christian Education proposed by the Board especially relating to institutes, rallies, and training sessions.
c. Support of the camping program.
d. Observance of Christian Education Week, including Rally Day and Promotion Day.
e. Good Literature Sunday.
f. Brotherhood Week.
g. Catechetical Instruction classes, noting the responsibility for adult training as well as training for children.
h. Vacation church schools.
i. Establishment of the Boys and Girls Fellowship.
j. Careful use of vast audio-visual materials available.

Leadership Education

Resolved: That the local churches encourage its educational workers to take advantage of all opportunities for leadership education.

a. Where there are inter-denominational schools in our communities these should be heartily supported and largely attended.
b. In addition local churches should sponsor their own classes in specific areas where they need help.
c. The Laboratory School in Dayton, sponsored by our General Board of Christian Education from July 29 — August 3, should have our wholehearted support.
d. The Church School Superintendent Conference, sponsored by the Department of Christian Education of the Ohio Council of Churches. October 26-27 in Columbus, is a new venture which can benefit all of our church schools which participate by sending their superintendents to this Conference.
e. Specialized training conferences in such areas as Audio-Visuals, Dramatics, Music, offer opportunities to improve our local Christian Education programs.

Men's Work

Resolved: That efforts be greatly increased to organize local chapters of EUB Men in our churches and that these chapters be organized on a service basis gives opportunity not only for participation in improvement projects on the church property, such as painting walls or repairing furniture; but also, for engaging in spiritual projects, such as a program of visitation evangelism. A group of men dedicated to service in the local church, even though they may

operate only one evening a month, can mean the difference between a dead church and one that is vitally alive.

We also commend to our local men's groups the fullest possible participation in District and Conference Men's gatherings and activities. In addition the First Convocation of the United Christian Men, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, September 14-16 is worthy of the attendance of representative men from our churches.

Youth Work

Resolved: That the local Youth Fellowship be encouraged to have a program for all young people between the ages of 12 and 24 giving particular attention to post-high school or young adult groups.

Support of Educational Institutions

Resolved: That our churches actively support our denominational colleges and seminaries. That pastors encourage their young people to attend Otterbein College, and that a list of high school graduates from each church be sent to the college.

We urge our Evangelical United Brethren students attending state universities to affiliate with the Albright Otterbein Fellowship, and that we cooperate with the Director of the Fellowship, Rev. Donald Gorrell, in promotion of this work.

In order that our denominational schools might continue to minister to the needs of our young people we urge that each church make a sincere effort toward paying their quota of the United Crusade.

Camp Miami Campaign

Resolved: That all our churches complete the payments of their quotas on the five-year program of Camp Miami Improvement Fund, by the end of this Conference Year. We commend those organizations and individuals which have made special projects of specific items of improvement at the Camp.

General Convention

Resolved: That we encourage our young people to attend the General Convention at Lake Koronis, Minnesota, July 11-15, and that we support this Convention with our prayers. Local churches are urged to give financial aid to interested youth.

Telescope-Messenger

Resolved: That we have noted the study which the Board of Christian Education has made during the year in this area, and ask it to continue to delve into this problem. In the meantime we commend to our churches the use of the methods suggested in this report for stimulating the use of the Telescope-Messenger. We urge all of our churches to increase the number of subscribers by 10%. We call the attention of our pastors to the Introductory Offer of $1.00 for 22 issues, and the club method of subscribing to the paper.

Communication

Resolved: That pastors submit to the Conference the name and addresses of the presidents of the local Board of Christian Education and age group directors to insure direct communication between the Conference Program Director and the local church.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD F. OHMS, Chm'n.

Report No. 7A

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
WORLD SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS
1955 — 1956

CHURCH	AMOUNT
Northwest Group	
Abbotsville	$ 14.00
Caylor Chapel	7.48
Antioch	48.00
Brookville	77.10
Eaton	4.00
Greenville	50.00
New Madison	4.00
Potsdam-Phillipsburg	17.69
Ware's Chapel	5.20
West Group	
Farmersville	$ 12.11
Middletown	166.25
Otterbein Home	25.00
Southwest Group	
Cherry Grove	$ 10.00
Clifton	45.34
Clough	98.00
Mt. Airy	15.00
North Bend	3.00
Southeast Group	
Batavia	$ 5.00
Central Group	
Beavertown	$ 14.00
Belmont	149.36
Drexel	12.00
East Dayton	35.00
Fairview	61.35
First Church, Dayton	95.97
Ft. McKinley	9.56
High Street	31.00
Liberty	40.25
Oak Street	114.00
Otterbein, Dayton	90.00
Sulphur Grove	24.79
Southern Hills	2.93
Vandalia	45.00
Wayne Avenue	13.68
Xenia	99.00
Northeast Group	
Bowlusville	$ 10.00
Lagonda	50.00
Piqua	32.00

Report No. 8

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

It is our purpose to report the actions and studies made by the Conference Committee. This Committee consists of: Mr. Elmer Cope, Mr. Donald Shipley, Miss Janice Roberts, Mrs. Charles Mumma, Mr. Harvey Hammink, Rev. Maurice Parsons and Howard R. James.

There were three mailings this year informing each pastor, each Social Relations Secretary of the W.S.W.S. and in cases where we have it, the Chairman of the Local Social Action Committee of the Local Church. Your Secretary attended two sessions of the Public Affairs Committee of the Ohio Council of Churches and Maurice Parsons attended one at Columbus, Ohio. We reported to you the items concerning the elections which required information. We are happy to know that the voice of the people was heard in passing the Bill which provided more rooms and better programs for the mental institutions of Ohio, juvenile and welfare agencies, and public school benefits.

The Committee cooperated with the EUB MEN'S CONGRESS held at Camp Miami in having a workshop on this subject. Some very good suggestions came from this program. Miami Valley Hospital needs men who will come four Sundays in a row to help wheel chair patients to the morning chapel services (Chaplain Flinchbaugh will be glad to hear from some church group or groups); churches may well invite people out to their church services who are handicapped — Good Will Industries welcomes you to visit them. Chaplain Wilbur White of the Dayton State Hospital, 2335 Wayne Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, will talk to any church group about help a church group can provide at this Institution. A number of churches have monthly parties for certain wards there.

The second mailing involved the purchase of $45.00 worth of pamphlets and booklets on various subjects. In the field of family living I highly recommend the Public Affairs pamphlets. East pastor and social action chairman was put on the mailing list of this wonderful service that brings to us the latest findings and publications on Family Life.

The Committee met twice this year. We suggest a few things that need to be done. One, that names of people and their addresses be given to this Secretary who are in your churches who are experts upon any subject of Social Action. That is — World Order, Economic Welfare, Community Life, Family Life, Moral and Social Conduct, and Racial-Cultural Relations. We feel that there should be people in the Conference who are giving their lives to one or more of these fields who could serve as resource persons to this Committee to keep us informed more quickly on the latest issues in this field.

Two, we believe that Social Action should be a community project in most cases — we seek for cooperation and participation with the Council of Churches, city or county within the bounds of the Conference.

Three, we suggest that an Institute be held in the Conference on this subject — Christian Social Action, and that members or representatives from each local church committee be delegated to attend on Sunday, November 4, 1956 at 2:30-8:30 P. M.

Four, we voted that our Secretary be sent to Lake Koronis July 11-16 to gain training in this field.

Five, we further recommend that some pastor or pastors be given the opportunity to go to the Eighth Annual Interdenominational Institute on Racial and Cultural Relations at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois on July 3 - August 3, 1956.

Six, we will be requesting names of laymen or laywomen who can receive and use materials sent out by this Committee from your church.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD R. JAMES

Report No. 8A

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

We, your committee on Christian Social Action, commend all local churches who have participated in any way in promoting the various areas of Christian Social Action for the Conference year 1955-56. We further believe that the unfinished task of the committee outlined last year should continue to be our responsibility until completed.

1. Whereas,
the questionnaire distributed at Tuesday's session reveals that 65 of the 75 churches reporting, have no Social Action Committees, and,
Whereas,
the report also reveals that many things are being done of which we

have not been aware due to the lack of organization in the local church,

Be it resolved:

that the local council of administration appoint a social action committee in accordance with paragraph 570 of the Discipline; and where possible the Social Relations Secretary of WSWS, the Chairman of Missions and Social Action of the Youth Fellowship, and the Chairman of Christian Service of the EUB Men be members of this committee.

2. Whereas,

most social action needs to be on a community-wide basis,

Be it resolved:

that this committee work with a local community council, and when no constituted council exists, that they enlist other interested people in the community to assist them in outlining a plan of action.

3. Whereas,

the Conference Council of Administration has designated Sunday, November 4, 1956 from 2:30 to 8:30 P. M. for a One Day Institute on Christian Social Action,

Be it resolved:

that each church send its local committee or interested delegation as representatives to the above Conference Institute.

Be it also resolved:

that their names and addresses with a list of local projects be sent to the Conference Secretary on Christian Social Action on or before Nov. 4, 1956.

and,

Be it resolved:

that the above projects be selected from the six areas outlined by our denominational Commission on Christian Social Action, as they pertain to the local situation, which are: World Order, Economics, Family Life, Racial and Cultural Relations, Community Life, and Moral and Social Conduct.

4. Whereas,

we have been requested by the Public Affairs Department of the Ohio Council of Churches to make a statement of our position on Censorship of movies,

Be it resolved:

that we reaffirm our stand as in paragraph 1910 in the Discipline.

5. Whereas,

an invitation has been given to the churches of Ohio Miami Conference by the Inter-Racial Cultural Committee of the Church Federation of Greater Dayton and Montgomery County to attend the Family Fellowship Camp here at Camp Miami,

Be it resolved:

that our churches encourage families to attend.

6. Whereas,

the Commission on Church Federation and Union of the Evangelical United Brethren Church is alert for congenial denominations with which to unite,

Be it resolved:

that they give consideration to union with other cultures or races.

7. Whereas,

some of our churches are situated in rapidly changing communities with an influx of negro population;

Be it resolved:

that the Conference Committee send a layman or a minister to the Eighth Annual Interdenominational Institute on Racial and Cultural Relations held at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, July 30 - August 3, 1956.

Submitted by,
MAURICE PARSONS

Report No. 9.

THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS

presents the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, that Richard Hedges be received by transfer from Ohio Southeast Conference,

2. Resolved, that Philip J. Deihl be granted a letter of dismissal, at his own request, to unite with the Southwest Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
3. Resolved, that whereas
   Dewey Long has not fulfilled the requirements placed upon him a year ago and, whereas
   Action was taken by the itinerant elders at the 1955 session of the Conference that unless the requirements were fulfilled by May 31, 1956 he would forfeit his right to membership in the Conference,
   Be it therefore resolved,
   That his name be removed from the roll.
4. Whereas, C. H. Keller has expressed dissatisfaction with his classification, but whereas, he has indicated that he is not now nor will be in the future available in the Ohio Miami Conference.
   Therefore, be it resolved that he be continued in classification as Local Elder.
   Be it further resolved, that if he desires to unite with the Ohio East Conference in the bounds of which he resides, his transfer will be granted.

Retirement

5. Be it resolved that J. L. Armstrong's name be placed on roll of Superannuated Itinerant Elders.
6. Be it resolved that E. H. Nichols' name be placed on the roll of Superannuated Itinerant Elders.

J. P. HENDRIX, Chairman

Report No. 9A

CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Part 2

1. Resolved: That we receive Harvey Smith, A Probationer, upon transfer from Western Pennsylvania Conference.
   Resolved: That we receive Charles Kuhns, a Probationer, upon transfer from Western Pennsylvania Conference.
2. Be it resolved:
   That the following be granted the rite of Ordination:
   Donald Baker, Paul Chastain, Owen Delp, James Frazier, Forrest Garner and Harold Messmer.
3. Resolved: That Probationers License be validated for the following:
   Harley Brown, Robert Chastain, Kenneth Campbell, Robert Eschbach, Benjamin Grant, Robert Hoover, Robert Hoppe Myron Ketron, Charles Ruth, Roy Schutz and Richard Van Tine.
4. Resolved. That the following be licensed as Probationers:
   A. Craig South, Kenneth L. Jenkins, Raymond B. Puckett and David Schneider.
5. Resolved: That the name of Frances Vanausdal be dropped from the roll of probationers.

J. P. HENDRIX, Chairman

Report No. 10

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Committee on Evangelism met and received the report of the Commission of Evangelism, and makes the following recommendations:

1. That the theme for 1956 and 1957 be "The Mission of the Church."
2. That the program of Evangelism designed for the local church by the Board of Evangelism be used effectively in every local church. That all new materials published by the Department of Evangelism of our denomination and the National Council of Churches be secured by every pastor and presented to his local committee of Evangelism. That the "Spotlight" magazine be presented and studied by the local committee of Evangelism early in the Conference year.
3. That the local committee on Evangelism give a report at the meeting of

the last local conference, and that the conference superintendent have a place on his agenda for this report.
4. That the winning of entire families be encouraged during Family Week and throughout the year.
5. That the Committee on Evangelism in each local church study the church rolls to ascertain inactive members and report to the Conference Superintendent at each local conference the number of inactive members and the efforts made to again secure their interest in the church.
6. That the week preceding World Wide Communion Sunday and the week preceding Reformation Sunday and the entire months of September, October and November be loyalty months and be periods to be used to revitalize the spiritual forces of the church and to enlist new people for Christian commitment and church membership.
7. That the churches of the Ohio Miami Conference cooperate with the Young People's Department of our denomination and the Department of Evangelism in the new program of Evangelism for young people.
8. That each church use materials in the Religion and Life program sponsored by the National Council of Churches; that these materials be used during September, October and November.

We furthermore commend to each church in our Conference the following recommendations which were presented to the Conference and to our committee by the Commission on Evangelism.

1. That we strive for a goal of 3,000 new members for 1956-57.
2. That every church set its own goal for new members and Christian commitments and report these to the Superintendent before July 15, 1956.
3. That the goals of churches be published in the "Messenger" with Monthly Progress Reports.
4. That we will hold a series of Evangelism Workshops with the ministers in the regular district meetings in October.
5. That the Commission on Evangelism meet with Ministerial District Leaders to plan these Workshops in September.
6. That the Annual Institute on Evangelism be held at Euclid Avenue Church, January 13th, 2:30 to 8:30 P.M.
7. That every church conduct a survey (unless one has been done recently) in its area to provide a prospect list for Visitation Evangelism to be held the first three weeks of lent in 1957.
8. That every church appoint a Committee on Evangelism and meet at least twice a year to plan and promote an all year program of Evangelism.
9. That a new emphasis be put on catechetical classes and proper confirmation exercises.

Respectfully submitted
LORIN S. STINE

Report No. 11

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FUND RAISING FOR CHURCH EXPANSION

The Committee presents its report as follows:

1. Resume of our progress in church building during the last five years —

Record of Property Increase Ohio Miami Conference

	Paid on Debt	Paid Interest	Paid New Bldgs.	Total	Property Value
1952	$ 78,343.00	$ 7,227.00	$285,040.00	$370,610.00	$5,985,940.00
1953	94,720.00	9,564.00	289,852.00	394,136.00	6,900,560.00
1954	84,937.00	11,967.00	676,688.00	773,592.00	8,034,160.00
1955	179,903.00	21,132.00	327,694.00	528,729.00	8,268,114.00
1956	162,688.00	23,633.00	553,020.00	739,341.00	9,424,860.00

Raised for Extension Funds

1952	$ 5,061.00
1953	6,407.00
1954	13,183.00
1955	21,593.00
1956	25,125.00 plus possible $4,000.00 from Contingent Fund

2. We have been successful in starting Mission Churches and aiding established churches because we have been able to borrow certain amounts of money in

the name of the Conference. We have an established method of paying on the principal and interest.

For instance, originally we borrowed $65,000.00 from five different sources. We have reduced this amount to $52,900.00 and in the budget for this year we have placed the amounts needed to make the yearly payments.

It is our opinion that we have reached the limit of this kind of financing for our Church Extension projects.

3. The opportunities and needs to be met in Church building in our Conference are greater and more challenging than ever before. We are not talking about gifts of moneys to aid churches. We mean there are churches financially able to repay loans on a regular and reliable basis.

But from what sources can they get the needed money?

There are several specific instances in our Conference, where an investment of a sizeable sum now, would enable the proper facilities to be supplied to a growing congregation. A congregation that will be able to pay interest and principal themselves right away and so increase the resources of the Conference.

4. What shall be our answers to these opportunities to help the Church of Christ grow rapidly and wisely.

Three ideas are suggested:

1. We can do nothing. And by our refusal to take action or to face the situation frankly and honestly, we will retard the Church and set it back for many years.
2. We can continue to seek to borrow such amounts as may be available, though we are sure they will not be available in amounts large enough to meet our needs.
3. We can engage in a safe and sound method of financing that will make larger amounts of money available for Conference needs. There is a possibility that the Conference can engage in a bond issue which would answer our financial needs. We do not have the facts on such a procedure. Your committee would insist on a very clearly defined program of financing, all the rules and regulations to be carefully spelled out before we become involved in any way.

Our question to the Conference is —

Which way shall we go?

We recommend the appointment of a standing committee to explore avenues of finance for Church Extension purposes, to be appointed by the Bishop and Superintendent. Should a feasible plan of finance be developed by the committee, we recommend the Bishop and Superintendent call a one-day special session of the Conference for the presentation of the plan and its consideration.

CARL B. ESCHBACH, Secretary
WESLEY O. CLARK, Chairman

Report No. 12

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

These are important days, months and years historically for the Ohio Miami Conference and more immediately for the Germantown Church. We commend this church for its 150 years of achievement for the community, the Conference, the Denomination and the Kingdom of God. We also pray that the church may go forward to even greater achievements as national and world conditions and its growing community give it opportunity.

For several years we have been speaking of the coming sesqui-centennial of the Conference. The time has now come when speaking must give way to, at least, preliminary action. It is our purpose to have the Historical Committee together during the early months of the new Conference year. We will welcome any guidance which this session of the Conference may wish to give us concerning the coming celebration. We hope also that individuals will feel free to pass on suggestions.

We are committed to prepare a complete history of the Conference. The gathering of data and some writing has gone on during the year. The Committee will want to review this and make specific plans for the continuation of the project.

Let us constantly keep in mind that your Historians only record the history which all of us together are making day by day and month by month. The

record can be no better than the history it finds to record.

We would again urge ministers and churches to put the Conference Historian on their mailing list to receive significant data regularly or occasionally as the situation indicates.

Respectfully submitted,
ROY D. MILLER

Report No. 13

MEMOIRS

ELLEN WEINLAND CLIPPINGER

Ellen Weinland Clippinger was born at Westerville, Ohio on November 16, 1882. She was the daughter of Bishop J. S. Mills and Mary Keister Mills. Her father was college pastor at Otterbein at the time of her birth. Later the family moved to Galion and Toledo in Ohio; Eugene, Oregon; Denver, Colorado; and Annville, Pa.

In 1901 she entered Lebanon Valley College and in 1905 she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. During her student days she acquired a proficiency in Latin and Greek as well as distinguishing herself in other studies. Her interest in language was maintained throughout her life. Literature also claimed her attention. While her reading covered many fields, it was always done with discriminating care and positive Christian conviction.

While a student at Lebanon Valley College she met Arthur Raymond Clippinger. Friendship ripened into love and on October 16, 1907 the campus romance was consummated in marriage. She moved to New England where her husband was a student in Yale Divinity School. For the next three years they served together in pastorates of Congregational Churches at Trumbull and North Haven, Conn.

In the fall of 1910 she moved to Dayton, Ohio here her husband had been assigned to the Summit St. Church. For eight years she helped her husband in the demanding responsibilities of this growing parish. She watched with approval, and often encouragement, as the new building at Third and Euclid was erected. They established their home in the new parsonage on West Second St. By her quiet dignity, charm and grace she helped to add stature and dignity to the fine work her husband was doing.

Then in 1918 she was destined to move again in obedience to the demands of an itinerant minister's family. This time a true family homestead was established at 1602 Grand Avenue which for the last 37 years of her life was the residence of the Clippinger family. Here her three sons grew to maturity. Here also came an endless procession of the great, the near great and the "common man" of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. During these years her husband served as superintendent of the Ohio Miami Conference and as a bishop of the Church. Mrs. Clippinger always added an extra touch to this home and yet many came without seeing her at all. Hers was the kind of service which is effective without being obtrusive. She was a true gentlewoman and a loyal helpmeet. To her pastor she often spoke words of encouragement, to those who worked in her home or assisted her in shopping or shared with her in some enterprise she was an inspiration and a veritable tower of strength. She was beneficent without display, gracious without being effusive, kind without a patronizing air and gentle without any servility.

Three sons came to share in the life of this home, Dr. Conrad Clippinger, M.D., of Covington, Ohio, Dr. John Clippinger, Ph.D., pastor of Hamilton, Ohio First E.U.B. Church, and Malcom Clippinger of the personnel department of the General Electric Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio who resides in Hamilton. Her husband Bishop Emeritus A. R. Clippinger, six grandchildren and one brother Alfred K. Mills of Annville, Pa. also survive.

On Sunday, May 29, 1955 she became ill, and on May 31 she was taken to Miami Valley Hospital. In spite of constant care, medical skill and the love of her family she slipped quietly and peacefully away at 2:15 P.M., on June 3. The members of her family each being present. Funeral services were conducted from the Euclid Ave. Church on June 6 with interment in Memorial Park Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio.

It has been a year since the rather sudden passing of this noble woman, the words of John Banister Tabb which he call "The Departed" rather well de-

scribe our thoughts today.

They cannot wholly pass away,
How far soe'er above;
Nor we, the lingerers, wholly stay
Apart from those we love:
For spirits in eternity,
As shadows in the sun,
Reach backward into time, as we,
Like lifted clouds, reach on.

EMERSON D. BRAGG

MEMORIAL TO MRS. VIOLA ZIMMERMAN

Mrs. Viola Zimmerman was born at Verona, Ohio; August 18, 1874. In 1896 she heard the call of her Lord and made peace with Him. She became a faithful follower of Him and gave herself in unreserved service to her Lord.

On December 28, 1905 she was united in marriage to Rev. Ivory Zimmerman who preceded her in death in 1938.

After the passing of her companion, Mrs. Zimmerman continued to live in her home in Mt. Healthy, Ohio; until she became a member of the Otterbein Home Family. In her new home she made many friends with whom she fellowshiped and greatly appreciated their kindness and companionship.

On January 26, 1956 she passed to her crowning at the age of eighty-one years, five months and eight days. Her body rests in the Arlington Cemetery at Mt. Healthy, Ohio. Mrs. Zimmerman leaves two children, Mrs. Genevieve Furdy and Mr. Eugene Zimmerman. She also leaves several grandchildren, other relatives and many friends to mourn her passing.

Our progress in life is marked by the advancing from the material to the spiritual. Paul informs us that, "The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." II Corinthians 4:18.

David tells us that death is a step upward and forward and not a stopping in the valley. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me," Psalms 23:4.

A poet puts it this way —

I know not the way I am going,
But well do I know my guide,
With a childlike trust do I give my hand
To the mighty Friend by my side.

We feel sure that this good mother, relative and friend would say AMEN to Paul, David and the poet for the thoughts they have advanced.

L. M. HOHN

Report No. 14

REPORT OF THE MIAMI MESSENGER

The Editor of the Miami Messenger submits the following report:

Financial Statement

Balance on hand June 1, 1955		$ 20.46
Receipts:		
Ohio Miami Conference	$ 300.00	
Subscriptions	972.50	
Offerings at Institutes	40.80	
Total Receipts		$1,333.76
Disbursements:		
Printing — Miami Messenger — 11 months	$ 950.00	
Postcards, Printing and Postage	104.10	
Stenographic Help	25.00	
Bank Charges	4.00	
Total Disbursements		$1,083.10
Balance on hand June 1, 1956		$ 250.66

Accounts Payable $106.00

Press time for the Miami Messenger is the Friday after the last Sunday of the month. All material should be in the hands of the Editor on or before that date each month.

Cards for reporting average attendances in Sunday School and main worship services will be mailed to the pastors each month.

While the main function of the paper is to promote the Conference program it is our hope that we will receive significant news from the churches. Since it is impossible to know what your church is doing at every given moment we must depend on local people to send in the news. We especially want to know of building programs, dedications, special services and all other important programs. Your help is needed to make our paper more useful and more effective.

Thanks for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES C. MESSMER

Report No. 15

REPORT SECRETARY GROUP INSURANCE

The Ministerial Group Insurance Plan of the Ohio Miami Conference is pretty big business. We have the lives of 87 of our employees insured to the extent of approximately $257,000.00. In this Conference Year just closing we had an amount of insurance cost of $5,083.06. Our dividend was $3,231.70. The premium payment on the $257,000.00 worth of insurance was $1,851.36.

There were no mortality claims last year. Indeed, there have been only two claims in the past 4 years.

The new men coming into the employ of the Conference will doubtless want to avail themselves of this protection for ther families. You may secure enrollment cards from the Secretary.

Prompt and regular payment of premium upon receipt of notice from the Conference Treasurer on the part of the insured has been a matter of some concern in the past. This year, however, we are pleased that virtually every full-time man of the Conference is paid in full.

But there are some insured men who are woefully delinquent at this point. The Conference Council has and will use extreme means to collect these premiums.

Early in April the Secretary met in the Lorain office with the state agent of our Group Insurance Plan together with representatives from the Prudential Company to consider the advisability of increasing the insurance coverage of the Conference employees.

After about three hours of deliberation we recommended to the Inter-Conference Council that our insurance plan be changed in the manner prescribed in the report of the Inter-Conference Council following.

INCREASED LIFE INSURANCE PROTECTION FROM $3,000 to $5.000.

Requests have come to the secretaries of Group Insurance in the Ohio Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church from members of the insurance plan for better insurance protection, namely increasing the amount of protection from $3,000.00 to $5,000.00. This matter was presented to the Inter-Conference Council for discussion and possible action on December 15, 1955. The Council voted that a committee consisting of the group Administrator, Rev. A. C. Zagray and the secretaries of group insurance in the four Ohio Conferences explore the possibility of increasing the insurance protection.

This committee was called together to explore and determine what can be done. Only two of the members could be present and with Mr. O. R. Spencer and Mr. Gordon Dunkerly, representatives of Prudential Life Insurance Company of America did discuss the group insurance program. No definite actions were taken at this meeting.

On May 9, 1955, the chairman of the committee introduced the two representatives from the Prudential Life Insurance Company to the Inter-Conference Council at Westerville, Ohio. The matter was discussed and the Council asked the Group Administrator of Group Insurance in our Ohio conferences to submit to the conference secretaries a proposal for increasing group insurance

benefits from $3,000.00 to $5,000.00 to all men up to and including the age 71 years.

Therefore, the following resolution and recommendation to the annual conferences of the Evangelical United Brethren Churches in Ohio.

Whereas: The Minister and his family are caught in the inflationary spiral of the high cost of living, and whereas

The Minister when rearing his family needs more protection than after his family is raised and gone from the parsonage environments,

Therefore be it resolved that we recommend to the annual conferences of the Evangelical United Brethren Churches in Ohio that the men be insured for the sum of $5,000.00 for the ages including 71 years. And that the premium cost be increased $15.00, making the premium cost per year $36.00. We further recommend that the remainder of the insurance plan remain as is. The program if approved will be as follows:

Less than age 72 . .	$5,000.00	Premium cost per year $36.00
72 to 76 inclusive . .	2,000.00	Premium cost per year 14.00
77 to 79 inclusive . .	1,000.00	Premium cost per year 7.00
80 and over . . .	500.00	Premium cost per year none

Respectfully,

DEMI EDWARDS

Report No. 16

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON NOMINATIONS AND TELLERS

Part I

RECORDING SECRETARY

*Emerson Bragg	110
Carl Vorpe	20

STATISTICIAN

*E. H. Hammon	98
Louis Odon	31

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Grover Letner	Don Shipley
James Duvall	Harold Kistler
Robert Copeland	Mrs. Glen Hetzler
C. S. Smith	Oscar Gast
Milford Ater	W. O. Clark
Clifford Stearns	W. C. Arthur
Carl Eschbach	Mrs. W. E. Chaney
Owen Delp	Louis Kohr

TELLERS

Donald Baker	Joe Frazier
Allen Unger	Ralph Tinsley

Report No. 16A

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON NOMINATIONS AND TELLERS

Part II

CONFERENCE TRUSTEE

Minister — one to be elected for a 3 year term

79 Carl B Eschbach*
16 Demi Edwards
19 Grover Letner

Laymen — two to be elected for a 3 year term

84 Cleve Klepinger*
60 Charles Martin*
11 Orville Cotterman
59 George Riegle

TRUSTEE OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

— one to be elected for a 3 year term

51 Emerson Bragg

65 Murn B. Klepinger*

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
— one to be elected — unexpired term for 3 years
104 Lorin Stine

TEMPERANCE LEAGUE
— two to be elected
87 Howard James*
60 Maurice Parsons*
24 William Worth
46 Owen Delp

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
— one to be elected
66 Walter Miranda*
48 John Bench

MEMBERS OF OHIO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Ministers — four to be elected
85 Charles Messmer*
63 Charles Fryman*
67 Grover Letner*
58 Harold Brown*
46 E. H. Hammon
37 Robert Copeland
50 J. C. Herbert
47 John Bergland
Laymen — two to be elected
62 Hubert Fellers*
57 Oscar Gast*
51 W. C. Arthur
44 Glen Hetzler
Laywomen — two to be elected
88 Mrs. Jesse Haines*
92 Mrs. Miriam Erbaugh*
23 Mrs. Stanley Long
23 Mrs. Clara Huge

BOARD OF PUBLICATION
— two to be elected
89 Harvey Hahn*
74 Walter Miranda*
40 Kannel Ireland
30 Dana Heaton

MINISTERIAL RETIREMENT AID BOARD
— one to be elected
74 Ralph Tinsley*
39 Allen Unger

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
78 Lorin Stine
29 Don Gillespie

LAY REPRESENTATIVE ON STUDENT WORK BOARD
46 Hjalmer Perrson
37 Robert Erisman
53 G. H. McConaughy*
78 Mrs. Charles Mumma*

OHIO MIAMI CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES TO OHIO MIAMI BRANCH
61 Howard Hahn*
50 James Duvall

TELLERS

O. DELP
F. GARNER
D. BAKER
A. UNGER

W. WORTH
F. ROBINSON
C. STEARNS
I. FRAZIER

Report No. 16B

BALLOT CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

BALLOT FOR ORDINATION

	Yes	No
Donald Baker	57	0
Paul Chastain	57	0
Owen Delp	57	0
James Frazier	57	0
Harold Messmer	57	0
Forrest Garner	57	0

BALLOT FOR PROBATIONERS LICENSE

A. Craig South	57	0
Kenneth L. Jenkins	57	0
Raymond B. Puckett	57	0
David Schneider	57	0

BALLOT FOR VALIDATION OF PROBATIONERS LICENSE

Harley Brown	57	0
Robert Chastain	57	0
Robert Eschbach	57	0
Benjamin Grant	57	0
Robert Hoppe	57	0
Myron Ketron	57	0
Charles Ruth	57	0
Roy Schutz	57	0
Richard Van Tine	56	1
Kenneth Campbell	56	1
Robert Hoover	49	0

WM. D. WORTH
FRANK E. ROBINSON
KANNEL L. IRELAND

Report No. 17

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PASTOR'S RECORDS

The Committee on Pastors' Records submits this report:

According to the instructions of the Conference each district held a record examination for the churches within their bounds. The district leaders then submitted a report of their findings to the records committee. We inspected individually only those records which were not taken to the district meetings but brought to Annual Conference.

Eleven records were not brought to Conference. We are not reporting these by name for some ministers did not understand that the Successor's Record must be brought to Conference even when it has been inspected in the district.

The following churches had binders which were too badly deteriorated to be respectable: Antioch, Dunlap, Oregonia, Hamilton 9th St., Zion (Central), Sulphur Grove, Nashville, New Madison.

The following churches have binders that are not regulation: Yankeetown, Germantown, New Hope, Vandalia, Aley Chapel, Fairview. Oakwood, Columbus Ave., Otterbein Chapel, Savona, Union City, Mt. Healthy, Hartford St.

The following churches have binders that were once regulation but now obsolete: Ithaca, Hamilton 1st, Englewood, Waterhouse.

Sixty-four churches had records that were correct in every detail.

In order to understand the direction that record keeping was taking in our Conference we surveyed the reports to Annual Conference from 1946 to 1956. We made studies of the important aspects of record keeping and in these particulars we have improved 21%.

Unfortuately this study revealed that the same men are delinquent in their reports year after year. Since such reports as these are so vital to a connectional fellowship as ours, we offer these resolutions to asist men of good intention to realize better records.

1. Resolved that the district inspectors use the nine-point sheet which we have inserted in each record.
2. Resolved that each minister or delegate bring the Successor's Record to Conference the first day.
3. Resolved that each minister shall place the name of the church and the district on the spine of the binder.

Lest the small negatives might overshadow the great group of men who labor conscientiously to bring correct reports, let us mention that many men will insert notes in the records of information that might be of value to a successor.

J. C. HERBERT, Chairman
RICHARD MILLER, Secretary

Report No. 18

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

To the 147th session of the Miami Conference and the 5th session of the Ohio Miami Conference: Your Committee on Resolutions presents the following:

WHEREAS, the Annual Conference is indebted to the graciousness of many people, and wishes to send greetings to and recognize its guests in an appropriate manner, and desires by our common spirit in Christ to speak corporately on these matters,

Be it therefore resolved that

1. We express our great appreciation to the efficient and inspiring Conference leadership:
   - To Bishop F. L. Dennis as our presiding officer.
   - To Dr. W. K. Messmer as our Conference Superintendent.
   - To Emerson D. Bragg, Conference Secretary; E. H. Hammon, Conference Statistician; Mr. Wendell Hohn, Conference Treasurer; and to the efficient office staff for their constant labors.
   - To Milford E. Ater, Mrs. Lorin Stine, Mrs. Miriam Erbaugh, Miss Patricia Lowles, Miss Ruth Harner, the Antioch Church Choir, Mrs. Hans von Ohain, Mrs. Evelyn Cox, and Mrs. Robert Hoover, for their services, providing the music of the Conference.
2. We express our gratitude to those gracious persons and firms who have given gifts and services to this Annual Conference:
   - To the Fitzsimmons Company of Dayton, Ohio, for the use of the organ.
   - To the Camp Miami kitchen and dining room staff, and the following churches for serving the fine meals: Phillipsburg, Union Chapel, Springboro, Pyrmont, and Pleasant Ridge.
   - To Mrs. John Bench and her committee for the beautiful flower and altar arrangements.
   - To Rev. Harvey C. Hahn for handling the publicity services to the various news agencies.
   - To the Women's Federation of Southwest Ohio Group of the Ohio Miami Conference, and to Mrs. Al. Huge, Sr., who presented an American flag to Camp Miami in memory of her son, Raymond Harry Huge, and a Christian flag to Camp Miami in memory of her husband, Mr. Al Huge, Sr.
   - To Mr. Walter Ellison and Mrs. Faye Silverthorne who supervised the Otterbein Bookstore display and sales.
3. We extend our sincere greetings to and recognition of the guests of the Conference:
   - To Dr. Roy H. Stetler, publisher of the Evangelical Press; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ryder; Mr. Charles J. Roberts; Rev. E. H. Dailey of the Temperance Education Foundation; Dr. O. T. Deever, Secretary; Emeritus of the Board of Evangelism; Dr. A. H. Doescher, Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Board of Pensions, and Mrs. Doescher; Dr. Cawley Stine, of the Council of Administration, Professor E. E. Burtner, representing the Seminaries; Dr. Wesley O. Clark, representing the Board of Missions; Mrs. C. J. Roberts, representing Otterbein Home; Dr. W. Henry Shillington of the Ohio Council

of Churches; Dr. I. Lynd Esch, President of Indiana Central College; Dr. J. Russell Dugan of the Temperance League of Ohio; Rev. Donald Gorrell, Director of Student Work, Ohio State University; Dr. Wade Miller, representing the United Crusade, Dr. J. Gordon Howard, President of Otterbein College; Dr. and Mrs. A. Glenn O'Dell, Rev. Don Cutts; Professor and Mrs. Merl W. Harner of United Seminary; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Johnson of Otterbein Home; Mrs. C. H. Deem representing the Otterbein Home Auxiliary; and Mrs. Clyde Roberts, representing Ohio Miami Branch, W.S.W.S.

4. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and earnest prayers for the Rev. Mr. Joseph Henry in his bereavement for his wife, Ruth, who passed away June 8 in Arcadia, California.
5. We express our congratulations to the Germantown Evangelical United Brethren Church for its continued service as the mother church of our Conference, and upon the observance of its 150th anniversary. Our prayers are for Divine blessing and guidance to its pastor and members as it continues its ministry in our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL V. VORPE, Chairman

Report No. 19

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is the primary proof of our faith in God. Man's sense of duty, the inescapable feeling of "I ought" is said to be the greatest proof of the existence of God. Stewardship is the response of man to this awareness of his debt to God. The uniform teaching of the Holy Scriptures is that our indebtedness is in proportion to our abilities and possessions. The tithe was established as the minimum expression that we belong to God, and that whatever increase in responsibilities is given us calls for an extra duty to God. The tithe was calculated upon the increase. More possessions, more abilities, more authority; they all call for increased giving.

Christians today are giving more money to the Kingdom of God. This is the first step. It must be followed by more giving of service in the church and community, or it will not be a sincere expression of loyalty and love, but a pagan attempt to substitute money for the giving of one's self. Therefore the preaching of the stewardship of all of life is an imperative. We commend to you such preaching today that arouses the feeling expressed by, "I want to do more for God."

Again we commend the use of techniques offered by "The United Church Canvass" and by professional fund raising groups. We do so not because they will raise the most money, but because they glorify the privilege and duty of Christians' stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER W. ARNOLD

Report No. 20

THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The moving committee of the Ohio Miami Conference makes the following report.

During the year 1955 and 1956 there were 17 moves. The total expense for these moves was $2,779.14. The Transportation Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That the moving expenses be paid for all the full-time ministers moving within the Conference boundaries.
2. That the moving expense will not be paid for students moving into the Conference or moving out of the Conference. Students moving during the three or four year period will move at their own expense unless they belong to this Conference, then $25.00 will be paid by the Conference.
3. That those who are moving into the Conference as full-time ministers, will have their moving expenses paid from the Conference boundary.

Where an unusual situation prevails, special consideration and counsel will be given by the committee with recommendations to the Council of Administration.

4. That the maximum weight of any load of household goods, not exceed 12,000 lbs. All over 12,000 lbs. are to be paid by the owner.
5. That the moving expenses do not include lumber, machinery, tools, and hobby equipment.
6. All ministers who are moving are asked to comply with the moving schedule, presented by the mover or the transportation committee. No one should move until they are authorized; also this applies to students coming into the Conference.
7. That all breakage or damage claims be taken up directly by the owner with the mover. These claims should be submitted within one week after moving. No packing expense will be paid by the Conference.

LORIN STINE
WALTER MIRANDA
W. A. HOHN

Report No. 21

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

June 1, 1955 — May 31, 1956

Balance end of last Conference year		$3,026.23
Receipts:		
Otterbein Home	$ 37,032.31	
United Crusade	41,566.79	
Benevolence	108,292.68	
Communion Offering	8,629.81	
Home Missions	1,999.81	
Foreign Missions	4,422.23	
Conference Minutes	455.00	
Session Offering	266.04	
Episcopal Fund	113.41	
Seminary	120.00	
Pension for Forwarding	1,002.26	
Camp Miami for Forwarding	5,598.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing	2,341.43	
Moving Expense Refund	70.00	
Historical Society Refund	12.50	
E.U.B. Men for Forwarding	878.45	
Bishop F. L. Dennis — Share of Office Expense	456.00	
American Bible Society	111.39	
World Council of Churches	38.90	
Mission Day Offering	958.19	
Twenty-five Hundred Club for Forwarding	5.00	
Youth Fellowship for Forwarding	171.20	
Evangelism	95.00	
Fairview Church — for Eastmont Bulletin Board	200.00	
Hamilton First — Special for Ohio Colleges	100.00	
Otterbein Home Auxiliary	20.00	
Reimbursement for Telephone Expense	55.94	
Extension Fund Refund on Loan	1,000.00	
Total Receipts		$216,012.34
Disbursements:		
Benevolence	$52,022.38	
Extension Fund	12,725.00	
Miami Messenger	300.00	
Board of Christian Education	2,250.00	
Ohio Council of Churches	1,750.00	
Group Insurance Fund	2,500.00	
Ministerial Aid Fund	4,875.00	
Evangelism Commission	344.36	
Social Action Commission	45.50	

Town and Country Commission		300.00	
Urban Church Commission		200.00	
Operating Expense:			
Pension Fund	$ 624.00		
Superintendent-Salary	5,495.00		
Program Director-Salary	4,900.00		
Treasurer-Salary	880.00		
Recording Secretary-Salary	180.00		
Conference Office Secretary-Salary	1,296.78		
Office Equipment	141.71		
Moving Expense	2,779.14		
Supplies	1,054.34		
Postage and Printing	340.96		
Travel	400.09		
Superintendent-Expense	1,500.00		
Meals	158.99		
Conventions	474.39		
Utilities	1,103.06		
Manse Repair	539.93		
Manse Real Estate Tax	263.65		
Conference Minutes	823.20		
Legal Expense	112.90	23,068.14	
Ministerial Retreat		65.00	
Session Expense		188.00	
Episcopal Fund		115.00	
Otterbein Home Auxiliary Forwarded		20.00	
Eastmont Church—Bulletin Board Funds Forwarded		200.00	
E.U.B. Men Forwarded		878.45	
Twenty-five Hundred Club Forwarded		5.00	
Camp Miami Forwarded		5,598.00	
Youth Fellowship Forwarded		171.20	
World Council of Churches Forwarded		38.90	
One Great Hour of Sharing Forwarded		2,341.43	
Ohio Colleges		1,866.40	
United Crusade Expense		95.27	
Pension Forwarded		1,002.26	
Loan to Extension Fund		3,000.00	
Communion Offering		8,629.81	
Otterbein Home		37,032.31	
Home Missions		1,999.81	
Foreign Missions		4,422.23	
Mission Day Offering		958.19	
United Crusade		41,566.79	
American Bible Society Forwarded		111.39	
Total Disbursements			$210,685.82
Balance end of Conference Year 1955-56			$ 8,352.75

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Extension Fund	$ 4,000.00	

TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED CLUB

Balance end of last Conference Year		$ 4,355.50
Receipts:		
Contributions	$1,991.50	
Total Receipts		1,991.50
Disbursements:		
Payment on Normandy	4,000.00	
Caretaker at Normandy	150.00	
Total Disbursements		4,150.00
Balance end of Conference Year 1955-56		$2,197.00

CAMP MIAMI

Balance end of last Conference Year		$ 860.36
Receipts:		
Food	$15,291.93	
Room	8,902.36	
Rent	2,079.50	
Utilities	134.68	
Supplies	292.46	
Craft	10.20	
Store	1,323.19	
Store "S"	339.14	
Scholarship — Exchange	161.61	
Total Receipts		28,535.07
Disbursements:		
Food	$ 9,417.10	
Craft	443.76	
Utilities	2,769.81	
Supplies	1,739.90	
Insurance	1,415.52	
Campers Insurance	307.65	
Postage	21.44	
Store "S"	889.70	
Store	930.44	
Real Estate Tax	1,008.75	
Truck Maintenance	20.51	
Travel	600.54	
Meals	45.92	
Repair and New Equipment	769.10	
Caretaker-Salary	3,145.00	
Other Kitchen Help	3,352.94	
Industrial Commission	47.52	
Sales Tax	401.80	
Social Security	130.11	
Total Disbursements		$27,457.51
Balance end of Conference Year 1955-56		$ 1,937.92

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Balance end of last Conference Year		$ 156.63
Receipts:		
Conference	$2,250.00	
Youth Rally Offering	200.25	
Convention Refund	29.00	
Travel Refund	19.00	
Supply Refund	3.61	
Congress Registration	115.04	
Girls Missionary Guild	830.96	
Youth Fellowship	1,704.10	
Total Receipts		$5,151.96
Disbursements:		
Supplies	$ 291.48	
Conventions	659.03	
Honorarium	190.00	
Youth Fellowship	1,796.64	
Treasurer-Salary	400.00	
Meals	130.30	
Visual Education	34.21	
Travel	222.11	
Postage	22.91	
Seminary Scholarship	400.00	
Girls Missionary Guild	738.42	
Printing	23.85	
Total Disbursements		$4,908.95

Balance end of Conference Year 1955-56			$ 399.64
Recap: Operating Account	$273.13		
Loan Fund	126.51		$ 399.64

CAMP MIAMI IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance end of last Conference Year		$4,258.83
Receipts:		
Repayment of loan from Extension Fund	$2,000.00	
Gift from Friends	170.00	
Insurance payment on Windstorm Damage	488.08	
District Federations	685.55	
Assessments	13,273.21	
Total Receipts		$16,616.95
Disbursements:		
Promotion	$ 9.24	
Supplies	792.45	
Repair and New Equipment	9,078.90	
Building Supplies	417.37	
Principal Payments	1,000.00	
Interest Payment	160.00	
Travel	110.88	
Meals	15.84	
Total Disbursements		$11,584.68
Balance end of Conference Year 1955-56		$ 9,291.10

EUB MEN

Balance end of last Conference Year		$ 1,058.79
Receipts:		
Session Offering	$ 98.49	
Congress Registration	21.50	
Northwest District for Otterbein Home	414.70	
Assessments	2,234.64	
Total Receipts		$2,769.33
Disbursements:		
Extension Fund	$1,800.00	
Travel	12.50	
Meals	5.12	
Postage	42.13	
Telephone	3.85	
Honorarium	30.00	
Otterbein Home	414.70	
Conventions	96.00	
Printing	88.00	
General EUB Men	320.14	
Total Disbursements		$2,812.44
Balance end of Conference Year 1955-56		$1,015.68

MINISTERIAL AID FUND

Balance end of last Conference Year		$ 224.51
Receipts:		
Publishing Houses	$4,517.59	
Conference	4,875.00	
Total Receipts		$9,392.59
Disbursements:		
To Retired Ministers and Ministers' Widows	$9,597.00	
Total Disbursements		$9,597.00
Balance end of Conference Year 1955-56		$ 20.10

EXTENSION FUND

Balance end of last Conference Year		$6,649.08
Receipts:		
EUB Men on Salary	$ 1,800.00	
Conference Appropriations	12,225.00	
Rent from Gate House	850.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts from Normandy	22.79	
Communion Offering	8,629.81	
South Bend Church Payment on Note	1,136.00	
Repayment on Loan from General Fund	3,000.00	
Loan on Hamilton Property	20,000.00	
Loan from New Madison Church	8,000.00	
Sale of Hamilton Property	12,668.08	
Repayment on Eastmont Loan	900.00	
Interest—Eastmont Church	500.00	
Total Receipts		$69,731.68
Disbursements:		
Normandy — Salary	$1,125.00	
Caretaker	865.50	
Repair	1,766.75	
Moving	92.70	
Purchase	7,500.00	
Insurance	646.77	
Utilities	797.46	
Repayment on loan from:		
Camp Miami	2,000.00	
A. D. Cook	1,000.00	
Pension Fund	9,731.05	
Printing Establishment	4,400.00	
Flat Rock Home	2,000.00	
General Fund	1,000.00	
Interest	1,941.12	
Conference Missions		
Millville	450.00	
Hillsboro	200.00	
Brown County	1,000.00	
Hamilton, St. Mark's	3,000.00	
Hyde Park	1,050.00	
Eastmont	2,000.00	
East Dayton	1,000.00	
Bevis	500.00	
Riverside	50.00	
Blanchester	200.00	
Mt. Airy	100.00	
Savona	140.00	
Hamilton Repairs	93.50	
Supplies	404.13	
Postage	105.00	
Hamilton Construction	21,448.00	
Legal Fees	162.30	
Real Estate Taxes	484.33	
Meals	124.30	
Travel	39.90	
Total Disbursements		$67,417.81
Balance end of Conference Year 1955-56		$8,962.95

GROUP INSURANCE

Balance end of last Conference Year		$2,164.28
Receipts:		
Premium	$1,863.00	
Conference Appropriations	2,500.00	
Total Receipts		$4,363.00

Disbursements:		
Prudential Life Insurance Company	$1,851.36	
Total Disbursements		$1,851.36
Balance end of Conference Year 1955-56		$4,675.92

EXTENSION FUND

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Camp Miami	$ 1,500.00
Board of Christian Education	1,000.00
Conference General Fund	4,000.00
Otterbein Home	3,000.00
Flat Rock Home	16,000.00
New Madison Church	8,000.00
Board of Pensions	8,466.62
Real Estate Fund	17,600.00

W. A. HOHN

Report No. 22

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the following resolutions be adopted:

Denominational Emphasis

1. That the theme for the year be "The Mission of the Church."
2. That the Council of Administration in each local church give special attention to paragraphs 567 through 578 of the Discipline relating to committees, and that these committees be implemented in the work of the Church.
3. That each local church includes in its program the study of the denominational booklet, "The Mission of the Church."

Christian Education

1. That the recommendations of the Conference Board of Christian Education be the program with special emphasis as follows:
   a. Summer Camps
   b. Christian Education Week, including Rally Day and Promotion Day
   c. Good Literature Sunday
   d. Brotherhood Week
   e. Catechetical and Adult Instruction Classes
   f. Vacation Church Schools
   g. Men's Work
      (1) That each local church observe Men's Day on October 21, 1956 with the morning worship service conducted by laymen.
      (2) That an Evangelical United Brethren Men's Congress for Ohio-Miami Conference be held March 9, 1957 at Camp Miami.
      (3) That the EUB Men during the year 1956-1957 again support the Conference Mission program with a total Conference goal of $1800.00, the local churches raising an offering equal to 25c per male member 16 years of age or older.
2. That each local church avail itself of the opportunities for Visual Education offered by the Conference through the Conference Director of Visual Education.
3. That each local church organize the local Board of Christian Education, the age group councils, and the Sunday School Council as provided by the Discipline and that constant encouragement be given to such bodies as working agencies of the local church.
4. That each local church recognize that Christian Education is a lifelong process and that the work of the Sunday School in its appeal to all age groups be encouraged by:
   a. Concerted effort to enroll and secure the participation of the new church members and their children in the Sunday School.
   b. Emphasis on the mission of the Sunday School in all evangelistic work.

c. Recognition of Vacation Church Schools, Weekday Church Schools, and any church census of the local community as an opportunity for the Sunday School to reach out to unchurched families.

5. That Ohio-Miami Conference support Otterbein College and United Theological Seminary recruiting young people as students for these schools.

6. That each church participate in and support the work of the Ohio Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, and Councils on a city or county level.

7. That each church cooperate in every way possible with the program of our General Board of Christian Education.

8. That the local church cooperate in any community schools of Leadership Education, and/or set up such schools in the local church.

9. That the local church give attention to the Conference-wide Children's Workers' Conferences and make it possible for local children's workers to attend.

10. That local churches cooperate in the Conference youth program and strive to have representatives present at Conference-wide youth rallies in the spring and fall.

11. That emphasis be given to the Young Adult Conference at Camp Miami.

12. That the local church through its Board of Christian Education study the needs of the older members of the church with the view of better meeting their needs.

Camp Miami

That with respect to Camp Miami the following resolutions be Adopted:

1. That the special committee for the Camp Miami Campaign be continued.

2. That each church pay in full its quota to the Camp Miami Improvement Fund.

3. That each local church through its Sunday School promote attendance and participation in the campaign programs of the Conference and assume financial responsibility for the camping fees of their participants insofar as possible.

Evangelism

That the following resolutions be adopted with respect to Evangelism:

1. That the goal for 1956-57 be 3000 new members.

2. That every church set its own goal and report it to the Conference Superintendent before July 15, 1956.

3. That the goals of churches be published in the Miami "Messenger" with Monthly Progress Reports.

4. That the Conference Commission on Evangelism meet in September with Ministerial District leaders to plan these workshops.

5. That a series of Evangelism Workshops be held with the ministers in the regular district meetings in October.

6. That an Annual Institute on Evangelism be held at Euclid Avenue Church, Sunday, January 13th, 2:30 to 8:30 P.M.

7. That every church do a survey (unless one has been done recently) in its area to provide prospect list for visitation Evangelism the first three weeks of Lent in 1957.

8. Every church have a Committee on Evangelism and meet at least twice a year to plan and promote the program.

9. New emphasis be put on catechetical classes and proper confirmation service.

10. That each church secure and distribute to workers the fine material on Evangelism provided by our denomination, including also the audio-visual material.

11. Every church have a year-round program of Evangelism as recommended by the General Board.

a. That a local Committee of Evangelism function to promote this program.

b. That our churches take advantage of the Lenten Season to give special emphasis to their program of Evangelism.

12. That special attention be given to catechetical and church membership classes in each local church as a method of winning adults, young people, and

children into church membership.

13. That special attention be given in each local church to methods of integrating new members into the life and program of the church as a means for Christian growth.

Stewardship and Finance

That the following resolutions be adopted with respect to Stewardship and Finance:

1. That each local church strive to have its members respond to the Christian stewardship of possessions by giving as "God prospers them;" that the stewardship of time and talents be recognized as the responsibility of every member.
2. That systematic giving through envelopes be urged as a means of developing a sense of stewardship among all members — including children.
3. That each local church recognize that the Every Member Enlistment and United Church Canvass provide the best way to present the stewardship opportunities to the membership; and, be it further resolved, that encouragement be given to local churches to participate in United Church Canvass wherever this activity is being carried on.
4. That each local church accept its obligations to pay in full the benevolence allocations assigned by the Conference and denomination for this quadrennium.
5. That regular reports be made to the congregation informing them concerning the expenditure of church funds.
6. That local churches organize the Finance Committee according to the Discipline and that this committee present a budget for approval to the local church Council of Administration, not later than 60 days before the end of the year.
7. That all churches of the Conference observe World Communion Sunday, October 7, 1956 and that on this day we receive an offering for Conference Missions.
8. That a committee be appointed in each church to promote the Otterbein Home Offering so that it is at least one dollar per member.
9. That each church cooperate fully in the United Crusade for Colleges, Seminaries and Church Extension by paying the allocation assigned for this quadrennium.
10. That the Ohio Miami Conference be authorized to continue its efforts to enlarge the Mission funds by special gifts contributed by individuals.
11. That the Board of Missions, under the direction of the Conference Council of Administration be authorized to:
    a. Continue to assist the new churches and others that may be established in becoming functioning churches according to the provisions of the Discipline.
    b. To supply financial assistance as needed from Conference Extension funds, loans from such sources as available, and from special gifts.
12. That the regular monthly remittance of benevolence monies be mailed so as to reach the Conference treasurer by Thursday following the last Sunday of the month.
13. That we encourage local churches to study the literature available on "The Local Church in Your Will," and that each church promote this matter according to the local situation.

The Ministry

That with respect to the Ministry the following resolutions be adopted:

1. That the disciplinary requirements for the ministry be strictly adhered to.
2. That all ministers serving the local churches of the Conference attend their district meetings.
3. That every minister give special attention to the enlistment of qualified men for the Christian ministry and report the names of such prospective candidates to the Conference Superintendent.
4. That each minister serving a charge submit all reports required of him on time as stated in the Conference calendar. Names of those who fail to submit their quarterly reports on time shall be reported to the Conference Council of Administration; those whose annual reports are not mailed on time shall

be reported to the Annual Conference in the report of the statistician.

5. That the Conference Superintendent, in consultation with the Seminary Director of field work, arrange for the assigning of each student minister serving a charge to a full-time minister who shall counsel the student on all matters pertaining to the ministry.

6. That all assignments be effective at the close of this Conference session and ministers assume the duties of the assigned charges and preach in their asigned charges on the first Sunday following the close of the session.

7. That each minister cooperate with the administrative heads of Otterbein College in completing promptly the questionnaires from the college relating to prospective students.

8. That each minister make an effort to acquaint all members of his church with their duties as stated in The Discipline.

9. That each minister conduct the congregational meetings as provided by paragraphs 72 and 73 of the Discipline. It is urged that ministers use these meetings to present the program of the church according to the local and Conference needs.

10. That each minister consider it his duty to be well informed on current economic, political, and social issues.

11. That all ministers apply themselves diligently to the matter of pastoral calling,as well as giving proper attention to the sick, the shut-ins, and prospective members.

12. That all ministers hold to the highest standards of personal dress and conduct for himself and the members of his family.

13. That all ministers follow the highest ethical standards in their relationship to other ministers, especially in connection with their predecessors and successors in the parish. Paragraph 2501 of The Discipline will give guidance in these matters.

14. That we recommend the proposal contained in the report on group insurance relating to the increased insurance coverage of the employees of the Conference. In the following statement: that each employee be insured for the sum of $5,000 for the ages up to and including 71 years. And that the premium cost be increased by $14, making the total premium cost per year $36. We further recommend that the remainder of the insurance plan continue as is. The program we present for approval is as follows:

Less than age 72 . .	$5,000	Premium cost per year	$36.00
72 to 76 inclusive . .	2,000	Premium cost per year	14.00
77 to 79 inclusive . .	1,000	Premium cost per yeear	7.00
80 and over . . .	500	Premium cost per year	none

Ministerial Report

1. That the minimum cash salary of each full-time minister serving a charge be $3600.00 per year and residence; that all churches arrange for regular payment the same.

2. That in addition to the net salary of $3600.00 the churches to be urged to provide for parsonage utilities including heat, light, water and telephone.

3. That in the event that the minimum salary standard is not met by a charge the minister may present his case to the Conference Council Administration for advice and direction.

4. That adequate provision be made for the minister's travel expenses incurred in performing pastoral duties; and that a study be made by the minister of the local church to determine the actual number of miles traveled in a year in the performance of said pastoral duties. This material is to be given to the Conference Superintendent to enable him to make adequate provision for the expense when determining the salary of the charge.

5. That the local church consider the payment of the three per cent of the pastor's salary to the Board of Pensions in addition to the six per cent which it now pays.

6. That in providing the parsonage to Board of Trustees in each local church give due consideration to furnishing special purpose equipment such as stove and/or refrigerator when specially adapted to the parsonage.

7. That the trustees of the local church determine the value of the parsonage rent prior to the session of the Annual Conference.

8. That the charge grant an annual vacation of at least two weeks duration without reduction in salary and with proper provision for pulpit supply. Ministerial activities in connection with Conferences, conventions, etc., are not to be considered as vacation.

9. That the churches to which new pastors are assigned begin payment of the pastor's salaries with June 17.

Church Administration

1. That the Board of Trustees of each charge shall determine the value of the church building, the parsonage, and other congregational property each year prior to the Annual Conference, and shall see that such property and equipment are adequately insured; moreover, that the Board of Trustees give consideration to the advisability of liability insurance and compliance with the Ohio Workmen's Compensation Law where required.

2. That the minister of each charge, early in the Conference year, with the approval of the Council of Administration of the charge, appoint a nominating committee to suggest candidates for the various offices, where no other procedure is provided by the Discipline.

3. That in accordance with the Discipline, the following schedule of elections be followed:

Financial Secretary, Church Treasurer, Stewards be elected by the local Council of Administration or the Local Conference (see paragraphs 63, 68, 69).

Trustees, Class Leader and Sunday School officers be elected by the Annual Congregational meeting (see paragraph 72). The members of the Local church shall be the voting members of the congregation.

4. That instruction be given by the minister relative to the duties of officers, and that the publication, "Lay Leadership in the Church" be brought to their attention.

5. That full recognition and support be given to the Otterbein Home Auxiliary, United Theological Seminary Auxiliary, local councils of churches and other denominational and interdenominational organizations recognized by the denomination.

6. That the Finance Committee of each charge be advised to consider the Annual Conference session expenses of the lay delegate or alternate, and of the minister as items in the annual budget.

7. That the Treasurer of each organization of the local church be required to carry the funds under his supervision in checking account, or savings account, in a bank approved by the Council of Administration of the local church , and that all such accounts be carried in the name of their respective organization; the books of all general treasurers and financial secretaries be audited annually.

8. That the "Plan Book" prepared by our denominational leaders be used as a program guide in each local church.

9. That the approval of the Conference Superintendent first be secured before any local church takes any action to secure articles of incorporation, or amend articles, if already incorporated.

10. That the local Council of Administration appoint a social action committee in accordance with paragraph 570 of the Discipline; and where possible the Social Relations Secretary of WSWS, the Chairman of Missions and Social Action of the Youth Fellowship, and the Chairman of Christion Service of the EUB Men be members of this committee.

11. That the report of the Conference Ways and Means Committee for the year be mimeographed and distributed to each local church

DEMI EDWARDS, Secretary

Report No. 23

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Conference Board of Christian Education submits the following report:

The work of the Board is to promote the program of Christian Education in the local churches throughout the Conference. We have succeeded to the degree that we have because of the sacrificial lives and untiring efforts of ministers and lay people who make up the Board and carry on its work. We

are aware that we are building upon the foundations laid by our predessors and to them we say a hearty 'thank you.' We are grateful to the churches for the support of our program and pray for their continued support.

Personnel

The Board is made up of the following persons:

John Clippinger, President; Paul Herrick, Vice-President; Charles C. Messmer, Secretary; W. A. Hohn, Treasurer; W. K. Messmer, Mrs. Vance Cribbs, Mrs. Pauline Dillon, Mrs. Carrie Haines, Lorin Stine, Mrs. Ruth Eschbach, Harvey C. Hahn, Sam Upton, E. H Hammon, Robert Foreman, Mrs. Marian Erbaugh, Carl Vorpe, Maurice Gribler, and Dale Shipley.

The Board met quarterly for planning and business. At each meeting a significant book in the field of Christian Education is reviewed. The various areas of work are organized into committees which attempt to initiate the program and execute the plans on the Conference level.

The Board supervises the operation of Camp Miami and also plans the camping program.

The Board gives guidance to the Program Director of the Conference, who also serves as the General Director of Christian Education.

Activities

During this year members of the Board participated in: (1) The National Council of Churches; (2) The Ohio Council of Churches and its various departments; (3) General Board of Christian Education of the E.U.B. Church; (4) City and County Councils of Churches within the bounds of our Conference.

Evangelism

Rev. Harvey C. Hahn, Conference Director of Evangelism, will review the record of the churches in this very important phase of our labors.

Summer Camps

Last year the number of campers in Youth and Children's Camps totalled 726. The number does not include Guild Camp or Ministers' Family Camp. These groups made up an additional 200.

The camping schedule for 1956 is: Senior Camp, June 25-30; Junior Camps A and B, July 1-7; Intermediate Camp A, July 9-14, Junior Camp C. July 16-21; Intermediate Camp B, July 23-28; Junior Camps D and E. July 29-Aug. 4; Youth Camp, Aug. 31-Sept.3.

Camp Miami Improvement Fund

Four years ago we began a five-year campaign for funds to improve and make additions to the Camp. The fund has received $55,000.00 to date and has been used to add the camp manse, additional ground and all of the building improvements for the past four years. The Camp Manse received much needed repair and redecoration in order that it could be occupied during this last year. It is the desire of the Director's family to invite you to the Open House at any time during the Annual Conference Session.

We wish to express sincere appreciation to the churches for their support in this program and pray that you will continue to do so.

The Women's Federations of the various districts have become increasingly active in the improvement program. To be noted among the gifts this year are the chapel drapes by the Northwest Federation; record player attachment for the chapel audio system, and cash from the West Federation; new floor and ceiling in the Director's office from the Southwest Federation; cash gifts (project yet to be selected) from the Central Federation; water coolers for the second and third floor from the Northeast Federation.

Special gifts were received also from the Friends World Committee (bookcase in Director's office) and a Middletown Auxiliary Chapter of Spanish American War Veterans (3 flags). A cash gift from the Women of Fairview.

Several other special projects are under preparation, and will be noted at some future time. Our thanks to all these organizations.

Work Among University Students

The work among students on state university campuses is a significant attempt to reach E.U.B. students with the ministry of the church. Rev. Donald Gorrell, director of this important work, will report to the Annual Conference Session.

Telescope Messenger

The Board was given the responsibility of attempting to discover methods whereby we can improve our record of Telescope Messenger subscriptions in local churches.

A sample check was made and we recommend these effective methods:

1. *Make personal contact* with church members in order to enlist them as subscribers. By far the most satisfactory method is the direct personal contact. If either the minister or some interested layman will make a concerted effort to get subscriptions, the record of most churches could be vastly improved. The contact person must be familiar with the paper; in every sense a believer.

2. *Paid-up subscriptions* — Two techniques were noted in this connection. (a) Some churches subscribe for the Telescope-Messenger on behalf of their officials. (b) Other churches award a gift subscription to new families that come into the fellowship of the church during the year. The employment of either of these methods will produce results. There is, however, no "short cut" or "sure-fire" method. It takes hard work.

The Board feels that while this sampling, or survey, may partially answer the question of methods, our basic difficulty may lie deeper. With this in mind, we desire to probe into the matter and get a factual report that will reveal basic problems. We wish opportunity to make a complete survey at which time we shall attempt to discover an evaluation of the paper, the methods for securing subscriptions being used in local churches, and ways of increasing the usefulness of this very important voice of our church.

It took no survey to discover that our record is bad, and that an attempt to improve it *must* be made.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director of Children's Work

The Children's Work Council of the Ohio--Miami Conference met at regular meetings throughout the year to plan for the promotion of Christian Education of Children! Because of the variety of age level abilities and the complexities of local church needs, homogenous programing has been difficult. Nevertheless, desiring to serve the local church, every phase of the Children's Work was covered at the two Conference programs. With the help of age group resource leaders, individual problems and achievements were considered, at the Fall Children's Workers Institute and the Spring Children's Workers Camp.

Oct. 13 — Thirteen local church schools received a book from the Fellowship of Study, by having their local director and every age group represented at the Fall Institute. Eighty workers participated in the all day conference.

Over a hundred Children's Workers attended the Spring Camp, May 16 and 17. Those in attendance had an opportunity to get acquainted with one another through camping fun and fellowship and to share methods and techniques of the Children's Work.

Four hundred twenty Juniors had the opportunity to learn and grow by attending one of the four Junior Camps that were held last July. A cook-out was quite a unique experience for the campers and staff last season and one of the firsts of the camping program.

In the future, we hope to acquaint every local Children's Work Council with the correlated program of the Boys and Girls Fellowship and try to motivate in the Children's Workers a desire to be learning and growing by self-evaluation and an awareness of possibilities. An evening meeting is being planned for those who find it impossible to attend day Children Workers meetings. We are looking toward the possibilities of week long Junior Camps. One of the five camps during this coming camping season will be a week long camp. We

would like to encourage more local churches to take advantage of the Laboratory School, sponsored by the General Board of Christian Education and held each July at the United Theological Seminary.

Your Conference Children's Director hopes to become better acquainted with each local Director and give assistance that in any way will further the Christian Education of Children.

Respectfully,
MIRIAM ERBAUGH

Director of Audio-Visuals

During this year I served as resource and information person for pastors and laymen seeking programs and audio-visual material; booked and shipped films and filmstrips in our library; promoted, booked and shipped the promotional film "Focus on Opportunity;" shared in the workshops on A. V. in the Y. F. rally; presented A. V. program at Conference Children's Workers Camp.

During the coming year I plan to promote and publicize our Conference film library among our churches, to further more use of the United Crusade film "Focus on Opportunity" and to serve wherever I best can in the field of Audio-Visual.

Respectfully,
R. L. FOREMAN

Director of Adult Work

There has been more emphasis this year in the area of men's work than in more recent years. A very successful Men's Congress was held at Camp Miami in March at which time officers for the coming year were elected and other business transacted. The Fellowship Dinner held the Monday evening, June 11, prior to the opening of the Annual Conference was thus open for fellowship and inspiration.

An Adult Work Committee has been planned and most of those selected have accepted the challenge. This committee is to give guidance and help in formulating and implementing the Adult Program of the Conference.

The Director of Adult Work attended both the International Sunday School Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, in July 1955, and the Annual Meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches at Cincinnati in February 1956.

Looking at the future —

1. The Adult Work Committee should be activated as soon as possible following the close of Conference.
2. Attention should be given to the development of a more suitable adult camping program with the aid of the Adult Committee.
3. Local churches should be encouraged to set up an Adult Committee to study and supervise adult work in the local church.
4. An active men's organization should be sought in each district.
5. There should be a stronger emphasis in planning and programming of the local church for the home and its needs.
6. A greater awareness and better planning for the Older Adults that are in our midst. Particularly is this true where population is tending to shift with their children, are finding too few opportunities to make acquaintances of their own age level in the new community into which they move.

Respectfully,
MAURICE GRIBLER

Director of Youth Work

1. THE YOUTH WORK COMMITTEE

The committee met eight times during the year, with the work of planning and conducting two Conference-wide rallies, one held September 25, 1955, and the other May 6, 1956. In addition, the committee organized and conducted six district institutes held during the week of October 23-28, 1955. Attendance at the rallies totalled 850 at the Fall Rally, and 550 at the Spring Rally.

Organizationally, the committee has increased its membership by electing a lay youth leader from each district. These lay leaders are now serving. In

addition, a youth vice-president will be elected from each district by the present committee. These new persons will help to increase still further the Conference Committee's understanding of local church problems and needs; and it will bring nearer to the local church the resources and work of the Conference committee. Lay youth leaders this spring have not only provided valuable insights into district and local church needs; they have also given the committee good leadership and mature guidance in planning the spring program.

2. THE CONFERENCE YOUTH DIRECTOR

The Director of Youth Work has met with the regular meetings of the Conference Board of Christian Education, and with the meetings of the Camping Committee. He presided at the Youth Rallies, the District Institutes and at the Youth Work Committee meetings. He attended the Division of Education, National Council of Churches meeting in Cincinnati in February, and spoke in two churches in connection with his capacity as Youth Director.

3. FUTURE PLANS

In addition to the election of an additional youth from each district to the committee, the committee is planning to hold two rallies in the Fall of 1956, one for intermediate youth and one for senior youth.

Goals include more intense promotion of the World Service Fund projects, not only to increase our giving, but to increase in young Christians a consciousness of the world-wide responsibilities of Christians. We hope to help Girls Missionary Guilds integrate with Youth Fellowship programs without loss of missionary vitality.

The Youth Director is deeply appreciative of the wise guidance of his committee, as well as the guidance and encouragement of the Conference Program Director.

Respectfully,
CARL V. VORPE

Recommendations

The Board of Christian Education recommends:

1. That the churches and Sunday Schools of the Conference include in their yearly program —
   a. Support of the program of Christian Education proposed by this Board especially relating to institutes, rallies, and training sessions.
   b. Support of the camping program.
   c. Observance of Christian Education Week, including Rally Day and Promotion Day.
   d. Good Literature Sunday.
   e. Brotherhood Week.
   f. Catechetical Instruction classes, noting the responsibility for adult training as well as training for children.
   g. Vacation church schools.
   h. Establishment of the Boys and Girls Fellowship.
   i. The organization of a Board of Christian Education in the local church.
   j. Careful use of vast audio-visual materials available.
   k. E.U.B. Men on a local level.
   l. Encourage Sunday School teachers to avail themselves of any "in-service" training at hand. If no community opportunity is available, the church should have one of its own.
2. That Ohio-Miami support Otterbein College and United Theological Seminary recruiting young people as students in these schools.
3. That we participate in and support the work of the Ohio Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, and Councils on a city or county level.
4. That we encourage our young people to attend the General Convention at Lake Koronis, Minnesota, July 11-15. (A number of Board members are attending.)
5. That we cooperate in every way possible with the program of our General Board of Christian Education.
6. That each church will attempt to pay in full its quota to the Camp Miami Improvement Fund.

Respectfully,
CHARLES C. MESSMER

Report No. 24

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

We wish to congratulate the churches and pastors on their record of achievement during the past conference year. According to available statistics at the time of our meeting prior to conference it appears we have taken in 2672 new members this year and after necessary revisions will show a net gain of about 662. It is always difficult to single out leaders because a church with a gain of ten perhaps put forth an even more heroic effort than a church with a gain of fifty. Statistics do not always tell the story. Congratulations to all of you for the effort put forth, and if you have done your best, all is well.

We have appreciated the leadership and encouragement provided by our Superintendent and for the additional impetus given by Charles Messmer thru his leadership.

We have encouraged churches to use the two main agencies of Evangelism; namely, recruitment thru Sunday School Classes and thru visitation Evangelism. We sponsored a most successful Institute on Evangelism at Oak St. on Evangelism Sunday last January and considered it the most practical institute held in this field by our conference. This was attended by 425 people.

Your Secretary and Associate Lorin Stine will attend sessions of the Commission on Evangelism at Lake Koronis in July.

We recommend the following as our program for the new year.

1. We strive for a goal of 3000 new members for 1956-57.
2. Every Church set its own goal and report it to the Superintendent before July 15, 1956.
3. The goals of Churches be published in the Messenger with Monthly Progress Reports.
4. We will hold a series of Evangelism Workshops with the ministers in the regular district meetings in October.
5. Your commission will meet with Ministerial District Leaders to plan these workshops in September.
6. That we hold our Annual Institute on Evangelism at Euclid Ave., Church January 13th, 2:30 to 8:30 P. M.
7. Every Church do a survey (unless one has been done recently) in its area to provide prospect list for visitation Evangelism the first three weeks of lent in 1957.
8. Every Church have a committee on Evangelism and meet at least twice a year to plan and promote the program for year round Evangelism.
9. New emphasis be put on Catechetical Classes and proper Confirmation Exercises.

Respectfully submitted,
HARVEY C. HAHN, Secretary

Report No. 25

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING

The Board of Ministerial Training held interviews with ministerial students and Probationers at Otterbein College and at United Seminary. A record was kept of the progress of each student.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. The Mrs. Wyvonne Freeman and Raymond Mers be retained in the list of Ministerial students, and that the name of Robert Teegarden be dropped.
2. That Kenneth Jenkins, Raymond B. Puckett, David Schneider and Craig South, having been duly examined, be added to the list of Probationers.
3. That Harley Brown be passed to the second year's Reading Course, that he be retained as a Probationer, and that his credentials be validated.
4. That Robert Chastain, Kenneth Campbell, Robert Eschbach, Benjamin Grant, Robert Hoppe, Myron Ketron, Charles Ruth, Roy Schutz, and Richard VanTine be retained as probationers and their credentials validated. Robert Hoover has graduated from United Seminary, but inasmuch as he did not present himself for Elders Orders, we recommend that he be retained as a Probationer and that his credentials be validated.
5. That Donald Baker, Paul Chastain, Owen Delp, James Frazier, Forrest Garner and Harold Mesmer, having been examined for Elder's Orders, as per Discipline, be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, with the recommendations that they receive Elder's Orders.

6. That the following special resolution be adopted: Whereas Dewey Long has not fulfilled the requirements placed upon him one year ago, and

Whereas action was taken by the Itinerant Elders at the annual session one year ago that unless these requirements were fulfilled by May 31, 1956, his name would be removed from the Conference roll,

Be it resolved that this Board recommend to the Committee on Conference Relations that the name of Dewey Long be removed from the roll of the Ohio Miami Conference.

PAUL W. SHARP, President
MURN B. KLEPINGER, Secretary

Report No. 26

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

The following is a summary of the actions of the Conference Board of Missions during the 1955-1956 Conference Year:

1. New Haven Church, Southwest Group: The sale of the old parsonage and the purchase of another parsonage more favorably located was authorized.
2. Beavertown Church, Central Group: Authorization was given the Board of Trustees to borrow up to $70,000.00 to assist in the financing of their new educational building.
3. Ginghamsburg Church, Northeast Group: Approval was granted Trustees of the Church to purchase property adjacent to the present property to allow for future expansion.
4. High Street Church, Central Group: Plans for remodeling the present Sunday School unit of the Church plus some improvements in the basement were approved. Authority to borrow up to $25,000.00 for this program was granted.
5. Verona Church, Northwest Group: Plans for remodeling the Church were approved. The approximate cost for completing this work was set at $45,000.00.
6. Lewisburg Church, Northwest Group: The Conference Board of Trustees was authorized to co-sign with the Trustees of the Lewisburg Church on a loan of $4,000.00 to be secured from the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension of the General Board of Missions. Approval was also granted to the Lewisburg Trustees to borrow an additional $5,000.00 to complete their financial plans.
7. Miami Valley Church, Central Group: Through the cooperation of the Board of Missions, the pastors of Central District assisted the Church in making a community survey on January 15, 1956.
8. Aley Church, Central Group: Authorization was granted the Trustees of Aley Church to purchase a three acre tract to the east of the present property. Approval was given to a plot sketch of the Aley Church indicating the location of new buildings to be completed in the future. The plans for a new parsonage were approved.
9. Antioch Church, Northwest Group: Approval was given to the financial plan to be followed in completing the Church building. The Trustees of the Church were authorized to mortgage the church property to assist in this project.
10. Zion Church, Southwest Group: The Board of Trustees of the Church was authorized to purchase a plot of land adjacent to the parsonage. Approval to mortgage the present property was granted to assist in the financing of this project.
11. Springboro Church, West Group: Approval was given to the building plans and the financial program for remodeling at an approximate cost of $27,500.00.
12. Rosewood Church, Northwest Group: The Trustees of the Church were authorized to purchase the property adjacent to the present property at an approximate cost of $4,000.00.
13. First Church, Central Group: The Trustees of the Church were authorized to borrow up to $50,000.00 as needed in the construction of the next unit of the building program.
14. Trinity Church, Central Group: Approval was given the Board of Trustees of the Church to purchase property adjacent to the present property when available.

15. Eldorado Church, Northwest Group: Authorization was given to the Trustees of the Church to sell a small parcel of land approximately 25' by 60' for $125.00.
16. Greenville Church, Northwest Group: Approval was given to the building plans for a new educational building and the financial arrangements prepared for the payment of this improvement. The work is to cost $130,000.00. The Trustees of the Church were authorized to mortgage the present property to assist in the financing program.
17. Cheviot Church, Southwest Group: The Board of Trustees of the Church was authorized to proceed with plans for relocating the Church by purchasing a plot of land of more than eight acres approximately four blocks north of the present property. Land to be purchased at a cost of $27,000.00.
18. Mt. Healthy Church, Southwest Group: The plans for a new Church building were approved and authority to start building was granted when cash on hand, loan from bank, pledges during construction and additional loans are sufficient to meet the cost of $185,000.00.
19. Farmersville Church, West Group: Approval was granted to proceed with construction of an educational unit to cost approximately $46,000.00
20. Wagner Church, Central Group: The Trustees of the Church were authorized to purchase a ten acre plot of land on Harshman Road at a cost of $10,250.00 for the re-location of their church.
21. Residence Park Church, Central Group: Approval was given the Trustees of the church to sell the house adjacent to the present building in preparation for a new building program.
22. Pleasant Ridge Church, West Group: The request of the church that it be made a station at Conference time was referred to the Conference Council for favorable consideration.
23. Weaver Station Church, Northwest Group: In view of the report from the State Factory and Building Inspector condemning the building and the proximity of Weaver Station to other churches, the recommendation to disband the Weaver Station Church was forwarded to Conference Council of Administration.
24. Moores Fork, Southeast Group: It was recommended to the Conference Council of Administration that the property be sold and the proceeds be divided between the other two churches on the circuit.
25. Order of Procedure: In the majority of cases the pastor alone presents the plans for Church or Parsonage buildings or improvements. We believe it would be of greater benefit for complete understanding between the Board of Missions and the Churches of the Conference, if the pastor and one or more lay members of the Church would meet with the Board in presenting matters of this kind.

    We, therefore, request our Churches to send lay representation in presenting major matters of building and improvement plans.
26. St. Mark's, Hamilton, West Group: During the year the first unit of the permanent building structure was completed at a cost of approximately $45,000.00. The Board of Missions has given close supervision to the total program which has included the sale of the Carlton Avenue property, securing a mortgage loan of $20,000.00 from the Hamilton Citizens Saving Bank and Trust Company, and granting authority for increasing the mortgage on the Fairfield property to $16,000.00.
27. Eastmont Church, Central Group: The Eastmont Church has made excellent progress during the Conference year. They are in the process of completing plans for the first unit of their permanent Church structure and the needed financial assistance to do this work. They have pledged $9,300.00 for the building program and have requested additional assistance from the Conference Board of Missions to give them adequate facilities to meet the challenging opportunities before them.
28. Normandy Church, Central Group: The Board gave considerable time during the first part of the year to the establishment of the Normandy Church and provided financial assistance as needed as well as helpful counsel necessary for the good beginning of a new church. The Church assumed responsibility for current expenses starting December 1, 1955. An additional report in its progress will be found in the Superintendent's report.

29. Evangelical United Brethren Men: It was voted to express our deep gratitude to the Evangelical United Brethren Men of the Conference for their continued and growing interest in the Mission program of the Conference and in this manner we say 'thank you' for the financial support they have given this year. We would request their continued financial support for the coming Conference Year.
30. Budget for 1955-56: It was voted to request the Committee of Appropriations, Boundary and Finance to designate the amount of $12,725.00 from the Conference Budget for Conference Mission purposes.
31. Total Budget for Conference Missions: It was voted to approve the total budget for Conference Missions at $32,464.00 and present the same for approval.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL B. ESCHBACH

Report No. 27

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL RETIREMENT AID BOARD

Be It Resolved:

1. That all ministers granted superannuated relations by the Annual Conference shall be eligible for retirement aid, except that beginning with the Annual Conference of 1957 no superannuated minister serving as a supply pastor within the bounds of Ohio Miami Conference, and receiving a salary of $1200 or more per year, shall be eligible for Ministerial Aid Appropriation.
   a. In the event a minister has transferred to the Ohio Miami Conference from an Ohio Conference and has served at least 10 years in this Conference, he shall be entitled to retirement aid on the basis of years of service in the direct employ of Ohio Conferences.
   b. In the event that a minister is rendered incapacitated by illness the ten year service requirement shall be waived.
   c. Ministers entering Ohio Miami Conference by merger of Conferences or by change of boundary shall be treated the same as persons already members of the Conference.
2. That ministers rendered in capacitated by illness shall be treated in the light of their special needs.

The total amount received by any person in this catgory may equal but shall not exceed the maximum received by other beneficiaries of the fund.

3. That retirement aid will be paid to those granted superannuation by the Annual Conference on the basis of years of service.
   a. Rate of payment per year may be adjusted as conditions require, but years of service in the Conference shall be the basis of payment.
   b. Persons whose ministerial service to Ohio Miami Conference has been on a part time basis shall receive a maximum of one-half the rate of payment voted by the Annual Conference.
4. That the maximum number of years for which retirement aid will be paid shall be 30.
5. That the dividends of the Publishing House and the Conference appropriations shall constitute the fund from which retirement aid will be paid.
6. That the rate of payment shall be determined annually by vote of the Annual Conference.
7. That the present list of Minister's Widows be continued on the same basis as the Conference Year 1955-56.
8. That any minister's Widow who is beneficiary of group insurance shall receive no grant from the Ministerial Aid Fund.

Any exception to this practice shall be made by action of the Annual Conference.

9. That widows not governed by the foregoing status shall be dealt with as special cases, and shall be granted aid on the basis of years of service spent with their husbands in Ohio Miami Conference.
10. That the Ministerial Aid Board be authorized to make additional expenditures of such funds as may be available to the board to meet the need of any minister who may be in a special category.
11. That the rate of payment for Ministers for the current year be $17.00 per year of service with a maximum of 30 years service credit.

Appointment for Ministerial Aid

I — Ministers' Widows

Mrs. W. C. Andreas	$185.00	Mrs O. L. Barngrover	$65.00
Mrs. M. E. Gibson	185.00	Mrs. S. L. Brill	65.00
Mrs. Calvin McNelly	185.00	Mrs. R. P. Daugherty	65.00
Mrs. W. C. Niswonger	185.00	Mrs. H. H. Fout	65.00
Mrs. E. C. Petry	185.00	Mrs. A. E. Landis	65.00
Mrs. C. W. Snyder	185.00	Mrs. W. E. Smelker	65.00
Mrs. Lillian Koenig	185.00	Mrs. A. C. Witham	65.00
Mrs. M. Hirschman	185.00	Mrs. Mary Wurtz	65.00
Mrs. Elias Cross	185.00		
Mrs. E. S. Weimer	185.00		$2,375.00

II — Ministers (Superannuated)

Harvey Clark	$510.00	W. I. Underwood	$510.00
A. R. Clippinger	187.00	O. D. Welbaum	510.00
E. S. Comrey	510.00	W. E. Ward	170.00
A. J. Furstenberger	340.00	A. S. Wolfe	340.00
Ella Hamilton	510.00	L. M. Hohn	510.00
Lewis Ludwick	340.00	Leo Venatta	510.00
Geo. Kopittke	255.00	E. H. Nichols	510.00
J. D. Niswonder	510.00	J. L. Armstrong	510.00
J. A. Robinson	170.00		
Walter Sinks	510.00		$8,126.00
Leroy Smelker	204.00		
C. R. Smith	510.00	TOTAL	$10,496.00

J. P. HENDRIX, Chairman
RALPH TINSLEY, Secretary

Report No. 28

REPORT MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

The Mutual Beneficial Society, Miami Annual Conference, United Brethren in Christ, now the Ohio Miami Conference. This is my 13th annual report.

Since September 1943, we have paid 26 benefit assessments, amounting to $5,200.00.

The following named persons have paid their full amount of assessments since the Society was organized: Bishop H. H. Fout, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Saul, Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Dr. and Mrs. O. O. Arnold, Dr. W. I. Underwood, Mrs. W. C. Niswonger, Dr. L. M. Hohn and Maude E. Hoyle.

Financially the Society is in a healthy state. It has an enrollment of 160 members. The average cost per member since the date of organization has not averaged 10c per week. Benefits are paid promptly upon notice of death of a member in good standing. Membership fees are $1.00, dues $1.00 per annum, Premiums are $2.00 This assessment is made when death occurs.

We invite the ministers who are now entering our Conference to give this consideration.

M. B. KLEPINGER, President
L. O. ODON, Vice-President
C. C. MESSMER, Treasurer
LEWIS G. LUDWICK, Secretary

Report No. 29

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Board of Trustees approved the appropriate action in connection with requests from the Conference Board of Missions in regard to sale and purchase and mortgaging of Church property.

2. The Board approved the painting of the Manse of the Conference Superintendent and other minor repairs in connection with the property.

3. An easement to the Camp Miami property at Germantown was approved subject to preparing the proper legal document needed for the transaction.

4. Permission was granted to interested friends to hold a Sunday School in the White Oak Church for the period of one year, subject to renewal. Persons using the building will keep it in repair.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL B. ESCHBACH

Report No. 30

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH

Your Commission on Town and Country Church takes pride in its record of in-service training. For many years we have been able to send a fine group of Town and Country pastors to the National Convocation of Town and Country Church Workers. In this way we have built up a fine group of pastors in the Ohio Miami Conference who have a broad and up-to-date conception of the work of the church in the rural communities. It is our effort to send each year a group of younger pastors with some more experienced men. We believe that in the long run this will be of great value to the churches of our Conference. During the past year we sent twelve representatives to the Convocation in Springfield, Mass. It is our plan to have an even greater group in attendance at the Convocation in St. Louis next October. We believe that the value of these convocations to the pastors and churches which they serve cannot be measured.

We wish to offer our services to local churches to study the local church program, the local community and to make recommendations to the local church for improvement and development of the church and its service to the community. We have recently studied the Dunlap parish and are about ready to make some suggestions to that congregation. It is our desire to be helpful wherever possible and we crave invitations to serve local churches.

The Commission is represented on the Town and Country Department of the Ohio Council of Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE P. HENDRIX

Report No. 31

REPORT OF THE URBAN CHURCH COMMISSION

The Urban Church Commission works under the direction of the Conference Board of Missions. Its activities during the year included:

1. Participation in the second annual dinner of Urban pastors at the Ohio Pastors' Convention in January.
2. Meeting in College Hill, Cincinnati with pastors of the Southwest District to discuss plans for an analysis of local churches in the District. Further exploration led to a decision to make preliminary studies, then hold a Conference next October 21-22.
3. Promotion of the use of the magazine, "The City Church," published by the National Council of Churches.
4. Payment of one-half the tuition costs for Rev. Edwin Pellett and Rev. Earl Toy who have enrolled in the Summer School of Pastoral Care in Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton. This amounted to thirty dollars for each pastor.

The Commission encourages local churches to cooperate with their respective Community Committees in service to new and growing communities.

Several opportunities for the establishment of new missions must await sufficient funds. At the same time certain missions and several churches long established, continue in need of financial help to adequately serve their respective communities.

Shifting populations and the increase in inter-racial communities pose great challenges to the communities affected by these changes. The Commission encourages churches to face these and other problems in the spirit of Christian statesmanship.

Expenses of the Commission during the year totalled $104.70.

Respectfully submitted,
MURN B. KLEPINGER

Report No. 32

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
OHIO MIAMI CONFERENCE
June 1, 1956

Mrs. Calvin H. Reber, Jr., President
Mrs. Walter Schutz, Vice-President

Mrs. C. Potts, Secretary
Mrs. James Miller, Treasurer

It is a privilege to submit this report to you of the work done by the United Theological Seminary Auxiliary during the past year. Although our Conference is still in third place in the amount of money contributed, which was $781.70, we had a decrease of $79.77. Total giving of the Auxiliary by all Conferences was $9,493.37, an increase of $446.53.

During the past year more than $6,000.00 was used for paint and supplies, plastering baths and installing showers, rubber tiles for hall floors, washers, fire alarm system, choir gowns, and redecorating of the hospital center, dining room, kitchen, laundry and reception room. 50% of the income for 1955-56 was set aside for equipment for the new dormitory building.

The new dormitory building is now in the process of construction and 50% of all receipts for this year of 1956-1957 will be set apart for equipment for this building. Additional projects for the year are:

Rubber tile for the third floor	$1,275.00
Change two washers for new ones	250.00
Installation materials for installing stove, cupboards and sink	50.00
Install two wall electric ovens in kitchen	400.00
New bed, mattress and furniture for guest room	300.00
New beds and mattresses for dormitory	1,600.00
Screens	1,400.00
Paint for rooms (labor by students)	500.00
Plastering in bathrooms	200.00
Painting lower hallway	150.00
Fixing six showers	500.00
Painting four showers	100.00
Promotion, printing, and envelopes	700.00
	$7,425.00

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all district leaders, key women and pastors who responded in many ways to promote the Auxiliary in our churches. The Officers of the Auxiliary are anxious that each local church appoint a key woman and we would urge the pastors to cooperate in this worthy project.

On Tuesday afternoon a new venture was attempted in that the Annual Meeting was held as an afternoon tea. The program was provided by the wife of a Seminary Professor and wives of students. In attendance were 67 women, representing 41 churches. The following officers were elected for 1956-57:

President: Mrs. Floyd Mevis
Vice-President: Mrs. E. H. Hammon
Secretary: Mrs. Charles Potts
Treasurer: Mrs. William Haines

Respectfully submitted
AUDRIE E. REBER

Report No. 33

THE REPORT OF THE OTTERBEIN HOME AUXILIARY FOR THE YEAR 1955

President — Mrs. Victor Burkett, Route 1, Box 374. Brookville, Ohio
Vice-President — Mrs. John Smith, 1515½ N. Limestone, Springfield, Ohio
Secretary — Mrs. Claude Deem, 705 S. Ninth St., Hamilton, Ohio
Treasurer — Mrs. Ruth Sadler, Route 1, New Madison, Ohio

The Women's Auxiliary of the Otterbein Home, acknowledge the continued blessing and leadership of our Heavenly Father, is grateful for the privilege of reporting to the Annual Conference. We are thankful for the many women willing to witness for Christ through sharing that has made our work possible.

The Annual Christmas Offering, our primary concern, was an increase over last year and we are grateful to those who gave to make this possible. An increase proves that we are giving as a measure of our Christian growth. Many of the local key-women for Otterbein Home acted as the principal promoter of the offering and many interesting ways were used to create a

desire to share, but the churches where the materials of promotion were ordered early and used throughout the month of December showed the greatest giving per member. Otterbein Home again gave the most per member proving that they who receive are also willing to give. Piqua was second high and Harrison was third in total giving per member. The Conference as a whole met the goal of $1.00 per member.

The secondary interest of the Auxiliary is to adopt a project and work together in accomplishing it. In 1955 a heater for the dishwasher at a cost of $350.00 was purchased and $350.00 contributed to the Student Fund from money contributed by the women of the Conference.

An increasing number of church families are receiving the Otterbein Home News and we are grateful to those who have been responsible in furnishing the names and addresses. May they continue to do so as the church membership increases.

Our churches were very generous in responding to the extra appeal made for funds to furnish the renovated Boys' Building. Quoting from Mrs. Robert's report at Board Meeting, "How thankful we are to have such a beautiful place for the boys to call home. My prayer is that their lives too will be more beautiful for living in a clean and good home." and we are happy in having a part in making this so.

Many folks visited the Home during the past year and Pastors and Key-women are urged to encourage groups to visit the Home as a means of creating interest, for once visited, a place become a part of our life and interest.

Many generous gifts of material nature were sent to the Home through the contents of 405 boxes received from churches in our Conference. Christmas is especially an interesting and busy time at the Home as the many boxes of gifts are received and must be sorted and prepared for distribution. Properly labeled packages with the church, Conference, and name and address of the sender would help those responsible for sorting and recording all gifts.

We are grateful to the pastors for their willing cooperation in the promotion of the many interests of the Home. Without their cooperation the women would be greatly handicapped in all areas of work.

As members of the Auxiliary we are always endeavoring to carry out our theme of "Enlisting Others for Others" and in so doing we are a growing and working organization.

We are indebted to those in responsible positions at the Home for their cooperation as well as to all persons who contributed in any way to make this a successful year of endeavor.

We are grateful to the Key-women in the churches of the Northeast District of our Conference as they responded 100% to the annual request for reports. We are hopeful that other Districts will strive to do the same. Pastors are asked to cooperate in making sure that some woman is given this responsibility and that her name and address is on file with the Auxiliary President.

I submit this report in the same spirit that our National President, Mrs. W. T. Boston, submitted her report at the Board Meeting . . . "With renewed interest in our 'Labor of Love' for the Otterbein Home family and trusting in our Savior's leading, we pledge anew our service to Him and to 'others'."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. VICTOR BURKETT,
Conference President

Report No. 34

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Resolution to the Conference:

Whereas, the Ohio Miami Conference has established a new mission Church within the bounds of the Conference this past year; is giving close supervision to other established mission churches in the Conference; and is continually seeking to meet advance opportunities for the Kingdom of Christ:

And whereas, authority and responsibility for aiding and establishing these Churches need be channeled through a Board or Agency of this Conference:

Be it resolved, that the Board of Missions of the Ohio Miami Conference

under the direction of the Conference Council of Administration be authorized:

1. To continue to assist these mission Churches in becoming functioning Churches according to the procedures of the Discipline.
2. To supply financial assistance as needed from Conference Extension Funds: Loans from such sources as are available; and from Special Gifts.

Conference Board of Missions,
CARL B. ESCHBACH, Secretary

Report No. 35

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Board of Trustees is charged with the administration of all Conference property,

Be it resolved,

that the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Conference be authorized to execute the necessary papers to increase the mortgage on the Hamilton-Fairfield property — to $16,000.00 by refinancing with the Dollar Federal Savings and Loan of Hamilton, Ohio.

CARL B. ESCHBACH,
Secretary Board of Trustees

Report No. 36

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Substitute Resolution for item 3 under Standing Resolutions in regard to missionary appropriation: "The Conference Treasurer shall send appropriation checks to the local church treasurer with the understanding that each local church will be responsible for paying the six per cent pension allotment on total salary."

Conference Board of Missions
CARL B. ESCHBACH, Secretary

Report No. 37

RESOLUTION

Resolved,

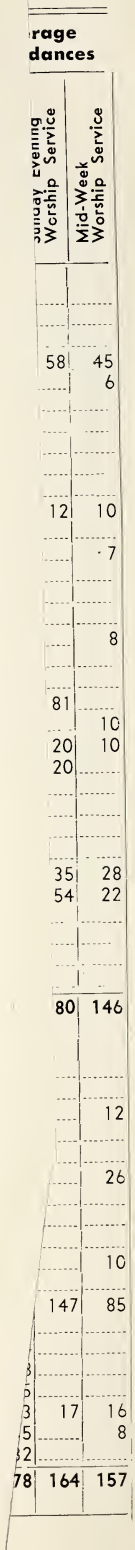
that the Bishop and Conference Superintendent appoint a committee to give consideration to a study for the purpose of reviewing the salary bracket of some of the ministers with the hope of affording some assistance as related to the fringe benefits such as insurance and such other items requiring assistance to dissolve salary differentiations.

HARVEY HAHN

Statistical Report

NORTHWEST GROUP

WEST GROUP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Average Attendance at Sunday School	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment in Sunday Schools								Enrolled in Daily Vacation Church Schools	Enrolled in Week Day Church Schools	Enrolled in Leadership Education Courses	Enrolled in Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes	Enrolled in Fellowships				
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I MINISTRY AND CHARGES — II CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK

CHARGE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Members Reported at close of Last Year	Goined by: Confession of Faith	Goined by: Certificate of Transfer	Goined by: Certificate of Membership	Goined by: Total Gain	Lost by: Death	Lost by: Certificate of Transfer	Lost by: Certificate of Membership	Lost by: Withdrawn without Certificate	Lost by: Other Ways	Lost by: Total Loss	Net Gain	Net Loss	Present Membership	Non-resident Members	Members Under 13 Years of Age	Conversions	Reclamations	Baptisms (All Ages)	Number of Enrolled Tithers	Average Attendances: Sunday Morning Worship Service	Average Attendances: Sunday Evening Worship Service	Average Attendances: Mid-Week Worship Service
NORTHWEST GROUP																									
1 Abbotsville—	Abbotsville	Bernard J. Varner	84	6		2	8	2					2	6		90	5	3				3	47		
2 Caylor Chapel	Caylor Chapel	Bernard J. Varner	108	2		1	3	1					1	2		110	14	3	2		2	8	51		
3 Antioch	Antioch	William D. Worth	447	14	14	14	42	5	5			1	11	31		478	53	19	3		24	20	228		
4 Arcanum	Arcanum	Herbert Dymale	407	10		3	13	5	1	5			11	2		409	34	70	2		6		196	58	45
5 Arlington	Arlington	Keith E. Day	225	1	2		3	2	3				5		2	223	38	11			2	11	90		6
6 Brookville	Brookville	Walter W. Arnold	459	18	10	8	36	6	2	7			15	21		480	51	15	11		13		185		
7 Castine—	Castine	Lowell D. Bassett	111					2					2		2	109							63		
8 Weaver Statio	Weaver Station	Lowell D. Bassett	54			1	1		1				1			54	23						21		
9 Clayton	Clayton	Dewey J. Long	366	23	2	7	32	3	2	1	5		11	21		387	10	5	23		35	27	160		
10 Eldorado	Eldorado	Robert E. Stauffer	158	6	1	1	8	2	2	1		9	14		6	152	56	1	7		14		69		
11 Eaton	Eaton	Julian H. Shrader	159	3		6	9	2		2	1		5	4		163	27		3		5	7	95	12	10
12 Greenville	Greenville	Demi Edwards	529	13	6	4	23	6	3	7			16	7		536	60		13		23		240		
13 Ithaca	Ithaca	W. E. Weinzierl	228	4	2	2	8	1	1	3	2		7	1		229	34		5		9		95		7
14 Lewisburg	Lewisburg	Kannel L. Ireland	298	13	10	9	32	4	8	11	6		29	3		301	33	2	13		5		124		
15 Nashville	Nashville	Robert E. Dille	153	4		1	5	1		2			3	2		155	25				4		103		
16 New Madison	New Madison	Frank E. Robinson	384	2	4	2	8	2	5	1	2		10		2	382	49	30	2		15	8	150		
17 New Hope	New Hope	Donald E. VanDyke	161	2	2	1	5		1		1	2	4	1		162	33	10	2		2	4	64		8
18 Otterbein	Otterbein	Carl Hahn, Jr.	149	12	1		13	1		2			3	10		159	18		11		3	4	63		
19 Savona	Savona	Carl Hahn, Jr.	107	4			4							4		111	12		5	20	4	1	63		
20 Phillipsburg	Phillipsburg	Howard A. James	255	23	6	5	34	3	1	2		2	8	26		281	29	6	23		24	14	152	81	
21 Pyrmont	Pyrmont	John Swank	127	9	4	3	16	3		2			5	11		138	6	1	9		9	27	81		10
22 Potsdam—	Potsdam	Harley D. Brown	191	11	3		14	4	6				10	4		195	46		12		14	7	105	20	10
23 W. Sonora	W. Sonora	Harley D. Brown	79	9		1	10	2					2	8		87	30	6	9		12	3	47	20	
24 Rossburg Circuit	Rossburg	Gerald J. Stutzman	29	2		2	4	1					1	3		32	9						23		
25	Hiestand	Gerald J. Stutzman	74	3		4	7	5		4	1		10		3	71	30		3		1		41		
26	Roschill	Gerald J. Stutzman	85			2	2	2		3			5		3	82	20						46		
27	Yorkshire	Gerald J. Stutzman	44	6			6			3			3	3		47	4	3			5		32		
28 Union City	Union City	Clarence S. Smith	581	9		1	10	6	3	1		1	11		1	580	43	5	6		12	41	158	35	28
29 Verona	Verona	I. E. Jenkins	321	4	2	10	16	3	9	5	12		29		13	308	65	3	3		6		112	54	22
30 Ware's Chapel	Ware's Chapel	Wayne V. Stine	184	6	4	2	12	1	5	6		2	14		2	182	28	14	6		9	15	122		
31 Waterhouse	Waterhouse	E. H. Nichols	113	2			2	1	2	1			4		2	111	25	2			3		46		
32 West Manchester	West Manchester	John W. Russell	177					2	7				9		9	168	62	2			1		19		
33 Yankeetown	Yankeetown	Charles F. Ruth	88	2			2							2		90	14	3	2		2		45		
Totals Northwest Group			6935	223	73	92	388	78	67	69	30	17	261	172 *127	45	7062	986	214	181	20	265	200	3136	280	146
WEST GROUP																									
34 Farmersville	Farmersville	Richard A. Miller	403	8	13	1	22	9	13	4	11		37		15	388		8			12		136		
35 Germantown	Germantown	John W. Bench	490	11	1	9	21	10	3	1	5		19	2		492		54	11		15		249		
36 Greenbush	Greenbush	W. E. Smith	70			2	2	1	2				3		1	69	19	1	1			2	43		12
37 Hamilton First	Hamilton First	John A. Clippinger	714	51	10	17	78	6	2	7	18		33	45		759	59	45			46	28	311		
38 Hamilton Ninth St	Hamilton Ninth St	Olin Flagin	252	13		3	16	3	3	2			8	8		260		5	13		11		97		
39 Hamilton St. Mark's	Hamilton St. Mark's	Robert Copeland	38	3	2	9	14			2			2	12		50			3		3	6	53		26
40 Johnsville	Johnsville	Robert Hoover	200	1	3	5	9	4	7	5		1	17		8	192	34	3	1		3		93		
41 Maple Park	Maple Park	Henry P. Snapp	79	9		1	10			2			2	8		87	23	6	9		10	24	50		
42 Middletown First	Middletown First	E. H. Hammon	1044	21	11	10	42	11	6	11	5		33	9		1053	172	15	21		23		289		
43 Millville	Millville	G. W. Duckwall	112	8		1	9	2					2	7		119	40		6	2	4	15	55		10
44 Oregonia	Oregonia	Harrison O. Anderson	57	1		2	3	1	1			1	3			57	28						31		
45 Otterbein Home	Otterbein Home	Paul Chastain	149	20	16		36	6	5	3		11	25	11		160	18	19			4		202	147	85
46 Pleasant Ridge—	Pleasant Ridge	Wm. I. Comfort	266	13		3	16		4	4	2		10	6		272	19	18	9		11	2	102		
47 Jacksonburg	Jacksonburg	Wm. I. Comfort	164	1			1		1	5			6		5	159	13	11			5	2	74		
48 Springboro	Springboro	Myron Ketron	138			1	1					2	2		1	137	17	1			3		68		
49 State Road	State Road	Edward L. Younken	121	2	1	5	8		2				2	6		127	36	7	2	5	7	14	65		
50 Union Chapel	Union Chapel	Francis Huber	128	6	3		9		8				8	1		129	19		2	4	7		93	17	16
51 Utica	Utica	Vilas Dale Stalnaker	81	1	3		4	1		5	7		13		9	72	21	4		6	2	8	35		8
52 West Elkton	West Elkton	Henry P. Snapp	125			2	2	2		3			5		3	122	30	3			3	4	32		
Totals West Group			4631	169	63	71	303	56	57	54	48	15	230	115 *73	42	4704	548	200	78	17	169	105	2078	164	157

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III
FINANCES

Enrolled in Brotherhoods	Enrolled in Wom. Organs.				Number Attending EUB Colleges	Number Attending Other Colleges and Universities	Telescope-Messenger	A. MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES									
										Missions - Benev. Cont. Not in Budget							
	W.S.W.S.	Ladies' Aid	Christian Service Guild	Total Enrollment in Women's Organ.				Missions and Benev. Budget Apportionment	Paid on Missions and Benevolence Budget Apportionment	WSWS and Other Missionary Contrib.	Youth Fellowship WS Contributions	Misc. Missions: Denominational	Misc. Missions: Non-Den'inational	Misc. Benevolence: Denominational	Misc. Benevolence: Non-Den'inational & Con. Interests	Homes and Orphanages	Paid on General Board of Pensions Apportionment
	15	16		31				264	254			9		30		60	
	15		12	27			4	384	384	129		12			6	56	7
	58			58	1	5	50	1200	1200	1076	22		57	143	61	320	166
	54		21	75	1	9	24	1800	1800	665	54	568		44	754	688	243
	16			16			2	624	572	224		275				68	
	56		15	71	5	12	55	1248	1144	493	56	41	50	57	25	465	225
								468	493	92				13	6	125	94
		19		19				192	192	10				57		64	48
	29			29	1	5	13	1068	1068	253		185		181	45	384	259
	20	24		44	2			480	480	133		16	22		11	128	168
	20			20		1	6	552	552	135	4			32	12	94	125
65	60	56	30	146	1	14	17	1512	1512	376	50			400	69	530	250
	36			36	1	5	7	900	900	206		24		5		226	360
28	38			38		2		972	972	83		17	25	150	10	113	176
	14	27		41				456	456			20	14				
	48			48		5	6	1200	1200	300	4		71	244	118	384	234
		45		45				480	400			9				35	34
	36			36				456	456	105				12		68	102
		31		31			1	336	336				1	14		110	79
18	73			73	2	5	8	1200	1038	482	32		58	321	81	592	216
	22			22		1	5	504	504	253		114	25	20	39	103	
	16			16		2	6	600	600					361		432	132
								252	252			25				39	
								96	96			20		22		28	
							1	192	96			23		5	75	84	
							4	300	168			43		60	80	70	102
								156	84			13		24		25	
24	36	43	17	96	3	3	4	1560	1560	662		1030	30	1552	217	1900	249
	36			36	1	1	7	900	900	486	95	995	115	220	370	308	216
	31			31		2	23	612	510	148	5	184			47	26	156
		27		27			4	360	360				102	27		52	96
		24		24		1	5	492	492					339	41	43	
	15	17		32	1	1		288	288	46				11		36	
135	**744**	**329**	**95**	**1168**	**19**	**74**	**252**	**22104**	**21319**	**6357**	**322**	**3623**	**570**	**4344**	**2067**	**7656**	**3737**
	19	35	25	79		5		1140	800	519	112			183	75	459	240
	55		45	100	1	2	4	1728	1800	1137				235		475	256
		49		49			9	228	228					32		112	
35	35	44	49	128	1	11	16	1788	1788	817	11	800	230	200	25	725	300
14	28			28		1	1	828	828	196				64	55	263	216
	14			14		2		192	192				5	17	15	38	
	34			34			5	672	370	131							216
	16			16		2		396	205	30		17	10	15		115	109
	64		40	104	2	15	15	2592	2592	721	166	406	25	793	285	1177	300
	17	29		46		1	4	516	366	202		4	73	27	20	105	168
		25		25			2	204	204			6		32	6	18	62
								1104	1104	945		300		177		865	
	19			19		1		588	619	110		82		20		100	120
	21			21				432	458	150		61				100	120
		26		26		2	3	456	271			15	8			136	
	12			12			3	408	300	42						100	93
	30			30			1	624	624			21				110	198
		17		17				216	198			6	58	142		6	
	11	34		45		3	1	300	180	15		6		11		31	66
49	**375**	**259**	**159**	**793**	**4**	**45**	**54**	**14412**	**13127**	**5015**	**289**	**1724**	**409**	**1948**	**485**	**4935**	**2464**

			B. LOCAL EXPENDITURES											
United Crusade	Total Missions and Benev. Contributions Not in Budget Apportionment	Total for Missions and Benevolence	Ministers' Cash Salary Paid by Local Churches	Value of Parsonage Rentals	Ministers' Expense Allowance	Received from Appropriations	Total Support of Ministers	Other Current Expense Including Maintenance Congregational	Sunday S., Vacation and Week-day School Fellowship Exp.	Brotherhood Exp.	W.S.W.S. and Christian Service Guild Exp.	Ladies' Aid Society Expenditures	Paid on Indebtedness this Year
	99	353	1000	175	250		1425	463	302		13	25	
	210	594	1600	150			1750	377	620		198		
321	2166	3366	3675	1200	557		5432	6282	2119		1203		15000
823	3839	5639	4050	600			4650	3553	5057		190		
330	897	1469	2280	480	120		2880	1734	944				
700	2112	3256	4000	960			4960	3523	1429		147		2000
257	587	1080	1560	519			2079	1293	604		15		
	179	371	806	207	10		1023	133	106			1180	
600	1907	2975	3400	400	500		4300	9552	397				
188	666	1146	2800	300			3100	806	557	10	50	210	
	402	954	2080	520	360		2960	1053	903		38		
	1675	3187	4160	600			4760	5313	1130	25	87	128	
	821	1721	3000	420			3420	1454	1949		479		
	574	1546	3640	480			4120	2203	835	8	181		
	34	490	2400	480			2880	1911			18		
625	1980	3180	3900	600	300		4800	3551	899		162		
17	95	495	2958	480			3438	434	715			204	881
	287	743	1700	420		280	2400	883	328			271	
188	392	728	1620				1620	1143	409			389	
775	2557	3595	3600	780	450		4830	3740	1190	18	70		
	554	1058	2480	600			3080	1204	1129		230		
	925	1525	2200				2200	651	1726		217		
	64	316	1390		15		1405	168	33				
38	108	204	450	100			550	194	121				
52	239	335	855	100			955	130	41				
85	440	608	867	100			967	543	347				
35	97	181	836	100			936	309	84				
	5640	7200	4160	480	260		4900	4013	1395	40	79	352	
	2805	3705	3600	720	240		4560	888	243	18	62		
	566	1076	2600	488			3088	1616	748	7	200		3000
125	402	762	1600	150			1750	509	217			129	
	423	915	2634	650			3284	1055	677			182	
156	249	537	765			40	805	398	463		86	159	
5315	**33991**	**55310**	**78666**	**13259**	**3062**	**320**	**95307**	**61079**	**27717**	**126**	**3725**	**3229**	**20881**
340	1928	2728	4000	540	125		4665	3443	968		113	222	
832	2935	4735	4264	900	770		5934	5947	881				
115	259	487	1069				1069	179	396			321	
1098	4206	5994	5250	720	500		6470	6290	1129	173	507	329	6263
467	1261	2089	3600	600	250		4450	2224	818	17	90		
100	175	367	1800	1200	600	1800	5400	5755	520		8		513
	347	717	3630	600			4230	2648	950	25	55	355	
30	326	531	1820				1820	180	354		35		
1600	5473	8065	5000	900	500		6400	12572	1048		134	109	
71	670	1036	2808	720	95	450	4073	792	473		20	5	198
49	173	377	1040				1040		285			200	
260	2547	3651	3630	480			4110	1386		35	52		
325	757	1376	2000	240			2240	1491	512		47		
	431	889	2000	240			2240	729	246				
	159	430	2000	160			2160	495	976			705	
	235	535	1820	780			2600	626	808				700
	329	953	3300	840	400		4540	2262	1237		379		300
92	304	502	1035				1035	158	186			75	
	133	313	1100	720			1820	600	157				526
5379	**22648**	**35775**	**51166**	**9640**	**3240**	**2250**	**66296**	**47777**	**11944**	**250**	**1440**	**2321**	**8500**

III
FINANCES

B. LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Paid on Interest this Year	Paid on: New Buildings	Paid on: Improvements	Paid on: Total	Paid into Reserve or Trust Funds this Year	Total Local Exp. this Year	Increase in Indebtedness this Year	Paid out of Reserve and/or Trust Funds this Year	Amt. Rec'd as Grants from Ann. Con. - Other Church Agencies	Total Deductions	Net Total for Local Expense	Total or All Purposes
					2228					2228	2581
		671	671		3616					3616	4210
433	11511	628	12139		42608	10000			10000	32608	35974
117		1867	1867	1230	16664			174	174	16490	22129
				230	5788					5788	7257
875	106943		106943	19896	139773	62000	44943		106943	32830	36086
		724	724		4715					4715	5795
					2442					2442	2813
					14249					14249	17224
18		950	950		5701	950			950	4751	5897
		178	178		5132					5132	6086
		500	500	22000	33943					33943	37130
	41671	535	42206		49508		42206		42206	7302	9023
52		20355	20355		27754	13500			13500	14254	15800
					4809					4809	5299
		555	555	2490	12457					12457	15637
127		1750	1750		7549		2758		2758	4791	5286
		750	750		4352					4352	5095
					3561					3561	4289
				500	10348					10348	13943
	7774	114	7888	2532	12063	5000	7774		12774	3289	4347
		1036	1036		5830					5830	7355
		627	627		2233					2233	2549
	59		59		924					924	1128
	59		59		1185					1185	1520
	59		59		1916					1916	2524
	59		59		1388					1388	1569
					10779					10779	17979
		3165	3165	5849	14785		3165		3165	11620	15325
180					8839					8839	9915
		2816	2816		5421					5421	6183
		2823	2823		8021		2823		2823	5198	6113
		148	148		2019					2019	2556
1802	**168135**	**40192**	**208327**	**54727**	**476600**	**91450**	**103669**	**174**	**195293**	**281307**	**336617**
	6823	375	7198	12339	28948		6823		6823	22125	24853
		10323	10323		23085					23085	27820
		56	56		2021					2021	2508
737		806	806	1402	24106		1982		1982	22124	28118
		1008	1008	1700	10307					10307	12396
412	20000		20000		30808	20000	70	2648	22718	8090	8457
		2530	2530		10793					10793	11510
					2389					2389	2920
		5560	5560		25823					25823	33888
					5111					5111	6147
					1525		14		14	1511	1888
		499	499		6082					6082	9733
				1225	5515					5515	6891
		223	223		3438					3438	4327
		112	112		4448					4448	4878
					4933					4933	5468
199				5700	14484					14484	15437
66		179	179		1633					1633	2135
					3246					3246	3559
143											
1557	**26823**	**21671**	**48494**	**22366**	**208695**	**20000**	**8889**	**2648**	**31537**	**177158**	**212933**

IV
PROPERTY

Average per member for Missions and Benevolence	Average per member for all Purposes	Number of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Churches	Value of Parsonages	Value of Other Local Church Property	Total Value of Local Church Property	Total Insurance	Indebtedness on Churches	Indebtedness on Parsonages	Indebtedness on Other Local Church Property	Total Reserve and Trust Funds
4.00	29.00	1	1	10000			10000					
5.50	38.27	1	1	17400	5000		22400					
1.87	17.00	1	1	125000	25000		150000	131000	10000			
4.00	10.00	1	1	100000	8000	8000	116000	102000				3026
7.00	33.00	1	1	30000	10500		40500	40000				
7.00	75.00	1	1	196000	10000	8710	214710	213400	60000			4108
9.00	53.00	1		50000			50000	32000				
7.00	50.00	1		1000			1000					
7.69	44.51	1	1	70000	12000		82000	140250				
8.00	39.00	1	1	75000	5000		80000	25200	950			1000
5.00	38.00	1	1	40000	8000		48000	34000				
5.95	69.27	1	1	50000	12000		62000	49600				72715
7.00	36.00	1	1	125000	5000		130000	105000				
5.13	52.64	1	1	100000	15000		115000	115000	13500			
3.00	34.00	1		5000		3000	8000	10000				
8.75	40.60	1	1	80000	18000		98000	114000				9000
3.00	32.70	1	1	30000	20000		50000	30000	2305			
4.67	32.04	1	1	62000	6500		68500	44000				
6.56	38.64	1		20000			20000	45000				
12.75	49.60	1	1	75000	14000		89000	71000				2500
7.00	31.50	1	1	20000	14000		34000	31500	5000			2521
7.75	37.72	1	1	60000	10000		70000	50000				
3.46	29.39	1		20000			20000	10000				
6.37	35.25	1	1	6000	4000		10000	8000				
4.70	21.40	1	1	4000	4000		8000	6000				
7.40	30.78	1	1	22000	4000		26000	19000				
4.00	33.40	1	1	5000	4000		9000	7000				
12.50	30.60	1	1	90000	6000		96000	52500				
11.98	49.75	1	1	60000	10000		70000	59000				10635
5 90	54.00	1		75000			75000	55000	3000			654
6.85	55.70	1		22000			22000					
5.00	36.00	1	1	85800	10000		95000					
6.00	27.00	1		8000			8000	8000				
7.83	**47.66**	**33**	**24**	**1738400**	**240000**	**19710**	**1998110**	**1607450**	**94755**			**106159**
6.77	63.80	1	1	35000	7000		42000					18908
9.50	56.00	1	1	85000	14000		99000	150000				
7 00	36.00	1	1	12000			12000	12000				
7.89	37.05	1	1	200000	6000		206000	164000	16369			
8.00	48.00	1	1	47000	6000		53000	54200				4700
7.00	169.00	1	1	45000	30000	24000	99000	69000	19487	7200		
3.70	60.00	1	1	51000	15000		66000	60000				
6.00	27.00	1		2800			2800	2800				
7.65	32.20	1	1	212000	20000		232000	224000				12000
9.00	52.00	1	1	15000	10500		25500	20800				
6.60	33.00	1		3000			3000					935
24.00	60.00		1		15000		15000					
5.00	25.30	1	1	12000	12000		24000	19600				5388
5.50	27.10	1		20000			20000					
3.00	35.60	1	1	30000	5000		35000					5964
4.20	42.85	1	1	35000	15000		50000	25000		3550		
7.40	75.00	1	1	19000	13000	5000	37000	22000			3100	5700
7.00	30.00	1		10000			10000					
2.50	29.00	1	1	30000	8500		38500	27000	1400			
7.60	**45.26**	**18**	**14**	**863800**	**177000**	**29000**	**1069800**	**850400**	**37256**	**10750**	**3100**	**53595**

Statistical Report

CENTRAL GROUP

NORTHEAST GROUP

erage
ıdances

Sunday Evening Worship Service	Mid-Week Worship Service
	49
74	23
	59
	90
	12
	15
18	8
	24
	47
	8
	40
22	23
114	**398**
	11
48	
	8
	15
50	29
33	9
131	**72**

Average Attendance at Sunday School	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment in Sunday Schools								Enrolled in Daily Vacation Church Schools	Enrolled in Week Day Church Schools	Enrolled in Leadership Education Courses	Enrolled in Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes	Enrolled in Fellowships				
		Nursery	Beginners	Primary	Juniors	Young People	Adults	Home Department	Total Enrolled in Sunday Schools					Adult	Young Adult	Youth	Boys and Girls	Total Enrollment in Fellowships
135	18	13	25	41	23	21	107	.....	248	87	13	5	40	83	.....	32	.....	115
141	18	14	30	66	32	34	40	8	242	81	57	14	20	.....	.....	55	.....	55
326	43	63	72	116	97	137	206	.....	734	109	110	32	15	.....	.....	74	63	137
685	51	90	130	215	180	225	590	14	1495	256	30	4	136	.....	.....	85	.....	85
214	27	25	40	65	62	69	159	.....	447	22	20	.....	.....	20	16	16	14	66
376	42	50	45	51	60	75	115	7	445	100	20	.....	86	.....	.....	65	.....	65
131	15	10	35	52	41	10	35	.....	198	110	.....	3	33	.....	.....	20	.....	20
155	20	14	29	26	28	80	106	.....	303	134	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	42
261	37	26	30	50	44	53	221	25	486	50	45	3	14	.....	.....	29	21	50
445	52	42	70	95	100	156	334	18	867	140	35	3	43	72	.....	156	.....	228
359	67	79	30	65	30	67	373	9	720	118	.....	21	18	.....	.....	38	30	68
234	30	44	40	49	65	52	76	.....	356	124	.....	4	53	.....	8	46	.....	54
97	19	8	10	25	12	30	90	6	200	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	12	33
222	30	26	16	39	38	66	107	.....	322	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	68	.....	68
238	29	10	20	45	38	69	134	8	353	151	8	35	54	24	.....	49	31	104
130	18	9	24	35	27	18	119	.....	250	78	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	36	.....	36
114	19	24	7	45	47	45	90	.....	277	71	.....	3	17	.....	20	15	10	45
72	11	22	41	32	17	20	25	.....	168	82	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
164	19	20	34	47	31	28	92	2	273	.....	.....	2	141	111	.....	28	31	170
561	72	41	48	101	82	96	361	41	842	139	50	50	175	30	.....	96	.....	126
212	22	30	27	59	48	56	179	.....	421	123	.....	2	57	.....	.....	26	78	104
381	40	40	26	91	110	107	231	7	652	117	16	24	14	.....	.....	119	.....	119
290	38	32	55	89	58	72	64	3	411	112	33	.....	30	.....	.....	72	.....	72
72	8	.....	13	16	36	9	28	.....	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	6
198	26	12	24	48	50	44	110	.....	314	.....	14	9	9	.....	.....	44	.....	44
185	19	49	41	33	22	99	106	.....	369	.....	.....	6	16	.....	14	85	.....	99
149	23	19	14	31	44	74	94	4	303	.....	8	.....	19	.....	.....	74	.....	74
386	26	25	54	78	74	70	279	6	612	195	27	16	7	.....	.....	45	40	85
126	24	8	23	24	19	67	62	.....	227	20	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	36	38	74
161	27	16	17	26	19	24	165	11	305	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	30	54
71	8	.....	17	8	18	18	41	3	113	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	36
7291	**898**	**861**	**1087**	**1763**	**1552**	**1991**	**4739**	**172**	**13063**	**2459**	**486**	**240**	**1037**	**340**	**58**	**1538**	**398**	**2334**
133	14	4	25	32	25	40	121	.....	261	75	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	40	.....	40
97	12	13	14	17	13	30	68	7	174	.....	7	2	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	24
139	16	12	11	15	18	34	95	.....	201	71	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	34
94	17	8	11	10	19	27	60	.....	152	55	19	5	13	.....	.....	40	.....	40
344	30	43	47	142	94	139	381	.....	876	.....	25	.....	68	.....	.....	139	.....	139
50	5	6	13	16	.....	21	16	.....	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	21
65	8	14	13	16	.....	14	37	2	104	63	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	11	.....	11
154	21	12	13	24	28	71	68	8	245	103	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	25	33	58
164	29	14	21	21	33	62	108	4	292	100	.....	14	9	.....	.....	62	.....	62
114	16	7	18	19	22	48	64	.....	194	66	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	48	.....	48
1354	**168**	**133**	**186**	**312**	**252**	**486**	**1018**	**21**	**2576**	**533**	**51**	**26**	**153**	.....	.....	**444**	**33**	**477**

I MINISTRY AND CHARGES — II CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK

CHARGE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Members Reported at close of Last Year	Gained by: Confession of Faith	Gained by: Certificate of Transfer	Gained by: Certificate of Memberships	Gained by: Total Gain	Lost by: Death	Lost by: Certificate of Transfer	Lost by: Certificate of Membership Withdrawn without Certificate	Lost by: Other Ways	Lost by: Total Loss	Net Gain	Net Loss	Present Membership	Non-resident Members	Members Under 13 Years of Age	Conversions	Reclamations	Baptisms (All Ages)	Number of Enrolled Tithers	Average Attendances: Sunday Morning Worship Service	Average Attendances: Sunday Evening Worship Service	Average Attendances: Mid-Week Worship Service
CENTRAL GROUP																								
53 Aley	Aley	Robert A. Hoppe	132	25	7	9	41	3	2	6	1	12	29		161	18	5	15	3	29		111		49
54 Beardshear	Beardshear	Carl V. Vorpe	350	18	1	6	25	1	3	1	2	7	18		368	18	5	8		10		213		
55 Beavertown	Beavertown	E. R. Turner	674	20	19	6	45	1	8	10	15	5 39	6		680	71	14	22		35	23	235		
56 Belmont	Belmont	Murn B. Klepinger	1415	103	12	35	150	11	19	13	17	60	90		1505	57	1	93	11	84	42	635		
57 Drexel	Drexel	Rankin Roach	324	20	2	1	23	1	6	6	2	15	8		332		4	20	5	1		149	74	23
58 East Dayton	Trinity	R. L. Foreman	545	25	10	27	62	3	7	6	72	88		26	519	50	23	25		28	4	314		
59 Eastmont	Eastmont	Dwayne Myers	54	16	10	8	34		4	1		5	29		83	2	1			19	14	95		
60 Englewood	Englewood	J. W. Bergland	274	8	11	7	26	2	4	4		10	16		290	14	6			3		163		
61 Euclid Ave.	Euclid Ave.	Emerson D. Bragg	1099	13	6	5	24	14	20	16	2	52		28	1071	217				20	40	262		59
62 Fairview	Fairview	Lorin S. Stine	1333	60	15	21	96	6	19	31	5	61	35		1368	100	55	60		57	40	445		
63 First Church	First Church	Paul M. Herrick	1252	57	31	21	109	16	32	20	130	198		89	1163	106	52	57		50		586		90
64 Ft. McKinley	Ft. McKinley	Carl B. Eschbach	591	33	7	17	57	3	3	13		19	38		629	60	21	30		56	6	274		
65 Hartford St.	Hartford St.	Harvey G. Clark	211	7	1		8	1	14	2	4	21		13	198	7	7	7		3		77		12
66 High St.	High St.	Earl W. Toy	452	26	2	1	29	6	11	13	7	37		8	444	47	18	8	2	14	10	195		
67 Liberty	Liberty	John K. Bergland	362	39	5	8	52	5	9	15	2	31	21		383	22	9	39		35	20	220		
68 Miami Chapel	Miami Chapel	William F. Atkins	293	7	1	5	13	4	5			9	4		297	48	2	7	6	7	24	123		15
69 Miamisburg	Miamisburg	Ambrose Aegerter	495	43	7	10	60	7	2	2	10	21	39		534	32	27	43		54		157		
70 Miami Valley	Miami Valley	James E. Allen	0	21	3	49	73	1		2		3	70		70	4	4			7		57	18	8
71 Normandy	Normandy	Milford E. Ater	0	49	105	47	201						201		201		26	48	1	30		189		
72 Oak St.	Oak St.	Paul W. Sharp	1234	60	4	7	71	18	34	10	63	125		54	1180	35	17	60		69	35	398		
73 Oakwood	Oakwood	Harold S. Brown	466	23	14	9	46	3	18	7	4	32	14		480	25	41	23		18		183		24
74 Otterbein	Otterbein	Harvey C. Hahn	960	63	5	13	81	4	6		2	12	69		1029	46		63		54	240	595		47
75 Residence Park	Residence Park	Don E. Gilespie	403	28		15	43	3	22	11	1	37	6		409	25	4			27		129		
76 Riverside	Riverside	Donald L. Harbaugh	106	6			6				44	44		38	68	9	5	1		4		68		
77 Southern Hills	Southern Hills	Ralph W. Tinsley	420	19	10	9	38	3	13	11		27	11		431	23	24	19		12	16	153		
78 Sulphur Grove	Sulphur Grove	C. Edwin Pellett	321	5	3	8	16	1		4	6	11	5		326	68	16			7	11	148		
79 Troy St.	Troy St.	Owen Delp	300	19	1	3	23	5	4	1	1	2 13	10		310	38		26		22	22	116		8
80 Vandalia	Vandalia	Walter N. Miranda	739	32	2	31	65	4	3	23	9	39	26		765	85	36	32		50	3	345		
81 Wagner	Wagner	T. H. Conley	260	1			1	1	4	2		7		6	254	19				1		136		
82 Wayne Ave.	Wayne Ave.	Louis O. Odon	539	8	5		13	6	4	1		11	2		541	35	6	10		22		218		40
83 Zion	Zion	Richard E. Hedges	113	2	1	2	5	1	2	1	6	1 11		6	107	12	4	2	3	6	18	63	22	23
Totals Central Group			15717	856	300	380	1536	134	278	232	355	58 1057	747 *479	268	16196	1293	433	718	31	834	568	7052	114	398
NORTHEAST GROUP																								
84 Bowlusville	Bowlusville	James V. Frazier, Jr.	224	4		2	6	3	2	11		16		10	214	11	1	3	1	4		101		
85 Columbus Ave.	Columbus Ave.	Charles R. Smith	158	6	3	4	13		4	1	5	10	3		161	8	3	6		6		67		11
86 Fletcher	Fletcher	Joe P. Hendrix	258	3		2	5		8		22	30		25	233	10	14	3		14		144	48	
87 Ginghamsburg	Ginghamsburg	Peter Young	177					2	4			6		6	171	46	7			11	15	67		8
88 Lagonda	Lagonda	Clifford D. Stearns	898	46	7	16	69	5	2	7	56	70		1	897	24	25			29		320		15
89 Lockington—	Lockington	Charles L. Kuhns	132	2	1	2	5						5		137	38	1	2		2		66		
90 New Hope	New Hope	Charles L. Kuhns	88					1		2		3		3	85	3		6	12	5		62		
91 Piqua	Piqua	J. L. Armstrong	451	11	4	7	22	12	10	4	1	1 28		6	445	26	18	21	31	19	15	158	50	25
92 Rosewood	Rosewood	Howard L. Hahn	347	12		4	16	3	7	2	3	15	1		348	67	8	14		10		110		
93 Xenia	Xenia	Earl Stocklager	262	7		2	9	2		3	14	19		10	252	47	12	7		8	24	100	33	9
Totals Northeast Group			2995	91	15	39	145	28	37	30	101	1 197	9 †52	61	2943	280	89	62	44	98	54	1195	131	72

* Net Gain
† Net Loss

Average Attendance at Sunday School	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment in Sunday Schools								Enrolled in Daily Vacation Church Schools	Enrolled in Week Day Church Schools	Enrolled in Leadership Education Courses	Enrolled in Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes	Enrolled in Fellowships				
		Nursery	Beginners	Primary	Juniors	Young People	Adults	Home Department	Total Enrolled in Sunday Schools					Adult	Young Adult	Youth	Boys and Girls	Total Enrollment in Fellowships
135	18	13	25	41	23	21	107	.....	248	87	13	5	40	83	.....	32	.....	115
141	18	14	30	66	32	34	40	8	242	81	57	14	20	.....	.....	55	.....	55
326	43	63	72	116	97	137	206	.....	734	109	110	32	15	.....	.....	74	63	137
685	51	90	130	215	180	225	590	14	1495	256	30	4	136	.....	.....	85	.....	85
214	27	25	40	65	62	69	159	.....	447	22	20	.....	.....	20	16	16	14	66
376	42	50	45	51	60	75	115	7	445	100	20	.....	86	.....	.....	65	.....	65
131	15	10	35	52	41	10	35	.....	198	110	.....	3	33	.....	.....	20	.....	20
155	20	14	29	26	28	80	106	.....	303	134	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	42
261	37	26	30	50	44	53	221	25	486	50	45	3	14	.....	.....	29	21	50
445	52	42	70	95	100	156	334	18	867	140	35	3	43	72	.....	156	.....	228
359	67	79	30	65	30	67	373	9	720	118	.....	21	18	.....	.....	38	30	68
234	30	44	40	49	65	52	76	.....	356	124	.....	4	53	.....	8	46	.....	54
97	19	8	10	25	12	30	90	6	200	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	12	33
222	30	26	16	39	38	66	107	.....	322	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	68	.....	68
238	29	10	20	45	38	69	134	8	353	151	8	35	54	24	.....	49	31	104
130	18	9	24	35	27	18	119	.....	250	78	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	36	.....	36
114	19	24	7	45	47	45	90	.....	277	71	.....	3	17	.....	20	15	10	45
72	11	22	41	32	17	20	25	.....	168	82	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
164	19	20	34	47	31	28	92	2	273	.....	.....	2	141	111	.....	28	31	170
561	72	41	48	101	82	96	361	41	842	139	50	50	175	30	.....	96	.....	126
212	22	30	27	59	48	56	179	.....	421	123	.....	2	57	.....	.....	26	78	104
381	40	40	26	91	110	107	231	7	652	117	16	24	14	.....	.....	119	.....	119
290	38	32	55	89	58	72	64	3	411	112	33	.....	30	.....	.....	72	.....	72
72	8	.....	13	16	36	9	28	.....	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	6
198	26	12	24	48	50	44	110	.....	314	.....	14	9	9	.....	.....	44	.....	44
185	19	49	41	33	22	99	106	.....	369	.....	.....	6	16	.....	14	85	.....	99
149	23	19	14	31	44	74	94	4	303	.....	8	.....	19	.....	.....	74	.....	74
386	26	25	54	78	74	70	279	6	612	195	27	16	7	.....	.....	45	40	85
126	24	8	23	24	19	67	62	.....	227	20	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	36	38	74
161	27	16	17	26	19	24	165	11	305	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	30	54
71	8	.....	17	8	18	18	41	3	113	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	36
7291	**898**	**861**	**1087**	**1763**	**1552**	**1991**	**4739**	**172**	**13063**	**2459**	**486**	**240**	**1037**	**340**	**58**	**1538**	**398**	**2334**
133	14	4	25	32	25	40	121	.....	261	75	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	40	.....	40
97	12	13	14	17	13	30	68	7	174	.....	7	2	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	24
139	16	12	11	15	18	34	95	.....	201	71	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	34
94	17	8	11	10	19	27	60	.....	152	55	19	5	13	.....	.....	40	.....	40
344	30	43	47	142	94	139	381	.....	876	.....	25	.....	68	.....	.....	139	.....	139
50	5	6	13	16	.....	21	16	.....	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	21
65	8	14	13	16	.....	14	37	2	104	63	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	11	.....	11
154	21	12	13	24	28	71	68	8	245	103	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	25	33	58
164	29	14	21	21	33	62	108	4	292	100	.....	14	9	.....	.....	62	.....	62
114	16	7	18	19	22	48	64	.....	194	66	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	48	.....	48
1354	**168**	**133**	**186**	**312**	**252**	**486**	**1018**	**21**	**2576**	**533**	**51**	**26**	**153**	.....	.....	**444**	**33**	**477**

III
FINANCES

Enrolled in Brotherhoods	Enrolled in Wom. Organs.				Number Attending EUB Colleges	Number Attending Other Colleges and Universities	Telescope-Messenger	A. MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES									
										Missions - Benev. Cont. Not in Budget							
	W.S.W.S.	Ladies' Aid	Christian Service Guild	Total Enrollment in Women's Organ.				Missions and Benev. Budget Apportionment	Paid on Missions and Benevolence Budget Apportionment	WSWS and Other Missionary Contrib.	Youth Fellowship WS Contributions	Misc. Missions: Denominational	Misc. Missions: Non-Den'inational	Misc. Benevolence: Denominational	Misc. Benevolence: Non-Den'inational & Con. Interests	Homes and Orphanages	Paid on General Board of Pensions Apportionment
.....	18	30	.....	48	.....	4	7	492	492	68	.....	79	50	95	158	163	168
74	30	34	.....	64	2	6	2	1344	1394	313	.....	446	26	258	330	493	306
96	60	58	.....	118	3	19	12	1896	1739	1034	199	150	387	255	427	840	265
60	66	170	57	293	12	32	39	3900	3900	881	171	.....	650	1350	915	1725	472
20	25	17	8	50	1	1	.....	1272	1200	392	.....	.....	120	.....	.....	233	210
35	63	80	15	158	.....	10	15	2016	2016	585	27	382	.....	232	155	1000	372
14	.....	.....	41	41	.....	.....	6	408	204	30	.....	23	.....	.....	40	75	.....
.....	42	.....	.....	42	.....	5	5	780	715	111	.....	17	40	70	41	301	216
68	142	.....	44	186	4	6	39	3600	3600	1055	66	380	.....	365	1888	1255	753
75	134	.....	40	174	7	42	31	4224	4252	1217	177	2770	900	.....	.....	1023	561
100	157	.....	32	189	5	9	107	4224	4224	2575	123	1501	.....	.....	1406	1523	623
46	105	.....	.....	105	4	8	9	1536	1536	548	9	269	181	193	212	285	234
12	.....	25	11	36	.....	4	1	924	924	322	40	.....	.....	245	.....	248	.....
35	65	47	.....	112	.....	2	56	1500	1500	365	31	1288	20	169	286	592	291
.....	48	.....	28	76	.....	4	13	1392	1392	400	48	375	.....	355	102	507	240
.....	38	38	16	92	.....	2	3	876	876	25	.....	58	50	150	183	251	156
30	42	.....	.....	42	2	6	8	1056	1019	188	.....	23	.....	161	163	296	378
.....	12	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	5	60	15	.....	.....	20	26	.....	20	40	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	550	.....	.....	53	.....	105	233	236	.....
30	80	200	.....	280	2	6	62	4224	4224	1219	98	.....	375	953	1375	1680	312
54	51	40	.....	91	.....	5	7	1584	1584	382	46	851	.....	180	214	445	240
85	60	18	12	90	5	9	36	3252	3252	468	108	243	25	180	1390	920	405
.....	23	51	.....	74	2	2	5	1248	1248	239	.....	255	37	20	372	339	279
.....	14	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	456	458	147	.....	110	.....	.....	.....	150	.....
.....	32	.....	.....	32	1	3	3	1320	1320	401	51	.....	.....	813	375	521	504
.....	28	53	.....	81	.....	2	18	912	912	319	21	107	20	229	20	431	240
.....	21	17	10	48	1	1	2	828	828	186	.....	44	.....	321	125	200	195
.....	103	240	.....	343	.....	39	3	1968	1968	558	45	.....	200	656	50	794	282
.....	20	.....	25	45	.....	2	12	924	670	109	.....	.....	445	.....	.....	255	408
40	66	.....	11	77	1	3	31	1608	1608	834	.....	50	.....	51	.....	191	298
.....	27	11	13	51	.....	.....	13	408	408	270	.....	355	50	93	50	155	109
874	**1572**	**1129**	**363**	**3064**	**53**	**233**	**551**	**50232**	**50028**	**15241**	**1260**	**9849**	**3602**	**7499**	**10530**	**17177**	**8491**
36	19	60	.....	79	1	2	9	732	732	111	.....	48	25	440	61	142	168
.....	14	34	.....	48	1	2	19	468	492	48	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	223	132
48	68	.....	.....	68	4	3	2	864	864	318	.....	65	.....	.....	175	142	240
.....	34	.....	.....	34	.....	1	2	672	672	98	.....	20	.....	132	35	94	156
.....	55	43	.....	98	1	7	12	2208	2208	621	50	425	.....	.....	1085	900	232
10	11	30	.....	41	.....	2	5	360	360	97	.....	39	.....	64	.....	118	96
16	.....	29	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	324	324	.....	.....	140	50	.....	.....	105	84
.....	65	.....	15	80	2	2	5	1200	1270	573	31	45	77	.....	.....	1000	229
.....	50	90	.....	140	.....	6	5	828	828	327	.....	117	37	.....	.....	373	216
16	37	.....	.....	37	.....	1	7	888	888	329	99	56	103	82	186	128	216
126	**353**	**286**	**15**	**654**	**9**	**26**	**56**	**8544**	**8638**	**2522**	**180**	**955**	**342**	**718**	**1542**	**3225**	**1732**

			B. LOCAL EXPENDITURES										
United Crusade	Total Missions and Benev. Contributions Not in Budget Apportionment	Total for Missions and Benevolence	Ministers' Cash Salary Paid by Local Churches	Value of Parsonage Rentals	Ministers' Expense Allowance	Received from Appropriations	Total Support of Ministers	Other Current Expense Including Maintenance Congregational	Sunday S., Vacation and Week-day School Fellowship Exp.	Brotherhood Exp.	W.S.W.S. and Christian Service Guild Exp.	Ladies' Aid Society Expenditures	Paid on Indebtedness this Year
168	949	1441	2808	960			3768	3124	1061	7	8	110	
350	2522	3916	4000	785	555		5340	4779	867		96	182	
5	3562	5301	4420	900			5320	9828	2269	167	51	381	
1575	7739	11639	5250	720	750		6720	25837	3587	92	267	715	21927
300	1255	2455	3250	480	60		3790	3288	1500	25	100	92	3322
1825	4578	6594	4594	900	901		6395	9073	2273	110	130	2557	11887
327	495	699	1589	600	23	2000	4212	1884	1098	24	961		900
315	1111	1826	3600	600	400		4600	6499	1357		1839		
	5772	9372	8525	2100	1064		11689	16071	2949	40	252	132	
1600	8248	12500	5565	900	900		7365	32411	2955	400	2619		27495
2350	10104	14328	10118	1860	1179		13157	27042	2494	100	5269		15000
300	2231	3767	4780	600	558		5938	10921	1496	356	1219		3193
500	1355	2279	2400	900	300		3600	2647	815	20	33	90	
700	3742	5242	3897	720	1200		5817	8167	1523		53		
400	2427	3819	4000	600	300		4900	7487	2127		606		1268
	873	1749	2600	720	520		3840	3433	1017	135	59	105	
100	1309	2328	4200	600			4800	3097	906	42	224		2368
	106	121	1110	150			1260	479	1133		62		
	627	1177	2250	900		1125	4275	5948	346				
2350	8362	12586	6370	600	850		7820	22179	3092	110		820	15300
100	2458	4042	4000	900	811		5711	5266	1357	35	101	132	8671
1800	5539	8791	4500	600	500		5600	17460	3150	65	70	82	
750	2271	3519	4320	720			5040	3862	1444		29	194	
	407	865	1300	549		50	1899	1053	163		296	675	
750	3415	4735	4316	600			4916	5685	1264		77	208	
510	1897	2809	4524	600	25		5149	5396	575	30	204	48	
200	1262	2090	3600	600	600		4800	5360	154		38	152	500
1100	3685	5653	5000	720	250		5970	10585	1558		102	1049	5761
	1217	1887	3398	960	136		4494	3692					
886	2310	3918	4950	780			5730	6906	1246		866		
238	1320	1728	3405	600			4005	1778	500		279		1666
19499	**93148**	**143176**	**128639**	**24224**	**11882**	**3175**	**167920**	**271237**	**46276**	**1758**	**15910**	**7724**	**119258**
10	1005	1737	2800	600	250		3650	2389	694	16	292		
262	715	1207	2200	600			2800	1090	533		54	70	380
326	1266	2130	4000	800			4800	2914	923	467			2550
155	690	1362	2600	800			3400	1569	736		20		200
1377	4690	6898	3876	600	300		4776	9639	1189	50		190	
200	614	974	1600	144			1744	991	97	100		394	
200	579	903	1400	144	120		1664	831	249	100		174	
450	2605	3875	4004	480			4484	1016	1035		235		
389	1459	2287	3600	480			4080	2036	1126		39	376	
215	1414	2302	3600	1020			4620	3006	531	13	94		1200
3784	**15037**	**23675**	**29680**	**5668**	**670**		**36018**	**25481**	**7113**	**746**	**734**	**1204**	**4330**

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B. LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Paid on Interest this Year	Paid on: New Buildings	Paid on: Improvements	Paid on: Total	Paid into Reserve or Trust Funds this Year	Total Local Exp. this Year	Increase in Indebtedness this Year	Paid out of Reserve and/or Trust Funds this Year	Amt. Rec'd as Grants from Ann. Con. - Other Church Agencies	Total Deductions	Net Total for Local Expense	Total or All Purposes
50		1041	1041	7364	16533	4000	3029		7029	9504	10945
				2962	14226					14226	18142
	65748	3361	69109	22962	110087	8400	65748		74148	35939	41240
2721					61866					61866	73505
56		300	300		12473					12473	14928
453		1450	1450		34328			1000	1000	33328	39922
500		316	316		7895					7895	8594
175	67231	1107	68338		82808	35000	12500		47500	35308	37134
360		6221	6221		37714					37714	47086
					73245					73245	85745
5343		3192	3192	25000	96597					96597	110925
				3702	26825					26825	30592
		360	360	9352	16917		1250	6034	7284	9633	11912
		2785	2785	3485	21830					21830	27072
322		3597	3597		20307					20307	24126
		600	600		9189					9189	10938
216		1907	1907		13560					13560	15888
				597	3531					3531	3652
		4410	4410		13854					13854	15031
3308	25009		25009		77638	17000			17000	60638	73224
588		2288	2288		24149					24149	28191
	4375	1512	5887	71840	104154					104154	112945
		33	33	13561	24163					24163	27682
		100	100		4136					4136	5001
		536	536		12686					12686	17421
				1860	13262		1321		1321	11941	14750
19		1986	1986		13009	985			985	12024	14114
822		4906	4906		30753					30753	36406
	10500		10500		18686					18686	20573
192	115484	1474	116958		131898	80000			80000	51898	55816
135		1172	1172		9535		1464		1464	8071	9799
15260	**288347**	**44654**	**333001**	**162685**	**1137854**	**145385**	**85312**	**7034**	**237731**	**900123**	**1043299**
		126	126	750	7917					7917	9654
					4927					4927	6134
102					11756					11756	13886
396	16000		16000		22321	14700	1511		16211	6110	7472
2786	12654	300	12954		31584					31584	38482
		323	323		3649					3649	4623
	400	672	1072		4090					4090	4993
		504	504		7274					7274	11149
				412	8069					8069	10356
98		896	896		10458					10458	12760
3382	**29054**	**2821**	**31875**	**1162**	**112045**	**14700**	**1511**		**16211**	**95834**	**119509**

IV
PROPERTY

Average per member for Missions and Benevolence	Average per member for all Purposes	Number of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Churches	Value of Parsonages	Value of Other Local Church Property	Total Value of Local Church Property	Total Insurance	Indebtedness on Churches	Indebtedness on Parsonages	Indebtedness on Other Local Church Property	Total Reserve and Trust Funds
10.00	78.00	1		30000			30000	25000			4000	4311
10.00	41.00	1	1	80000	10000	5000	95000	72000				3000
7.80	60.60	1	1	230000	10000	8000	248000	234000	8400			61733
7.75	48.85	2	1	290000	8500		298500	280000	37589			10000
7.40	45.00	1	1	80000	10000	8500	98500	6000				
12.00	73.00	1	1	265000	14000		279000	221000	2400			
8.00	103.00	1	1	23000	14500	4440	41940	12000		10258		
6.30	128.00	1	1	100000	10000		110000	110000	35000			
8.75	43.96	1	1	200000	10000	11000	221000	197000			8000	
9.13	62.68	1	2	300000	25000	11000	336000	200000	27397			
12.00	95.00	1	1	500000	10000		510000	385000	108750			
5.98	48.50	1	1	100000	20000		120000	115000	14000			3702
11.00	60.00	1		55000			55000	43000				8102
11.81	60.98	1	1	137260	10000		147260	138000				4185
10.00	63.00	1	1	90000	15000		105000	93000				
6.00	37 00	1	1	50000	6000	3500	59500					
4.78	32.18	1	1	80000	8000		88000	40000	2500			
1.70	52.00	1		7500		2500	10000	10000				597
5.85	74 96	1	1	250000	20000	20000	290000	135000	112500			
10.67	62.04	1	2	300000	35000	12000	347000	346500	51700			
8.00	59.00	1		180000			180000	160000	6174			
9.00	113.00	1	1	100000	10000	45000	155000	125000				176000
8.73	68.69	1	1	50000	12000	1500	63500	50000				13561
13.50	80.65	1		35000			350000	25000	549			
11.03	40.42	1	1	100000	10000	15000	125000	88000				2700
8.61	45.25	1	1	64000	10000		74000	63000				555
6.74	45.53	1	1	40000	12000		52000	41500				300
7.39	47.58	1	1	150000	20000		170000	145000	19988			
7.40	81.00	1	1	25000	15000	10500	50500	37000				2400
7.50	103.30	1	1	210000	8000		218000	150000	8000			
16.00	97.00	1	1	25000	9000	7000	41000	39000			2735	
8.97	**64.40**	**32**	**28**	**4146760**	**342000**	**164940**	**4653700**	**3718011**	**434947**	**10258**	**14735**	**291146**
8.00	45 00	1		40000		5500	45500	43500				2012
7.50	38.00	1	1	18000	6000	2500	26500	25000	1200			
9.14	59.59	1	1	60000	10000		70000	60000				400
7.96	43.69	1	1	12000	16000	8000	36000	29000		14700		
8.00	44.00	1	1	205000	7500		212500	150000	69354			
7.00	34.00	1	1	25000	10000		35000	28000				
10.60	58.70	1		16000			16000	10600				
8.55	22.60	1	1	72000	9000		81000	72000				
6.57	26.89	1	1	35000	8000		43000	36500				743
9.13	50.63	1	1	45000	17500		62500	55000		200	450	
8.00	**40.60**	**10**	**8**	**528000**	**84000**	**16000**	**628000**	**509600**	**70554**	**14900**	**450**	**3155**

Statistical Report

SOUTHWEST GROUP

SOUTHEAST GROUP

	erage dances	
	Sunday Evening Worship Service	Mid-Week Worship Service
	59	16
		22
	30	18
		7
	15	
	104	**63**
		10
	21	
		10
		7
	35	
	18	11
	24	10
	98	**46**
	91	**884**

Average Attendance at Sunday School	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment in Sunday Schools								Enrolled in Daily Vacation Church Schools	Enrolled in Week Day Church Schools	Enrolled in Leadership Education Courses	Enrolled in Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes	Enrolled in Fellowships				
		Nursery	Beginners	Primary	Juniors	Young People	Adults	Home Department	Total Enrolled in Sunday Schools					Adult	Young Adult	Youth	Boys and Girls	Total Enrollment in Fellowships
75	11	10	16	15	16	14	24		106	52						9		9
155	21	11	12	27	25	10	119	14	239	82	30	6				22	23	45
14	4		4		2	7	5		22	4								
229	32	36	34	55	56	76	96		385		45	3	19			76		76
109	15	8	10	30	36	56	53	10	218	34	14		11			56	14	70
113	21	19	12	17	20	40	88		217	54	22	8	8			41		41
142	26	16	13	19	21	39	103		237	110	9	7	10		16	22	23	61
53	9		12	12	8	16	18		75				6					
48	11	3	13	7	5	11	41		91									
173	23	16	40	60	42	28	40		249	118			7			35		35
135	21	17	20	27	24	18	81	5	213	15							8	8
86	11	9	9	10	14	25	53	3	134	40			20			17		17
46	8	2	4	9	7	16	32		78	18						10	10	20
117	22	30	17	36	29	25	39	3	201	60	29		10			10		10
127	17		17	20	10	23	83		170							25		25
59	10	8	9	11	10	10	39		97									
218	28	10	23	46	31	41	57		236	175			25			25		25
1899	**290**	**195**	**265**	**401**	**356**	**455**	**971**	**35**	**2968**	**762**	**149**	**24**	**116**		**16**	**348**	**78**	**442**
144	14	24	28	17	14	42	139	12	290	20		7			27			27
23	4		10			8	6		28	8								
41	9		15			4	36		64	14								
20	5	4	4	4	6	15	15		53				6			15		15
24	7		2	3	3	6	28		49							6		6
14	5			2		7	12		26							7		7
65	8		7	8	6	28	20		77							28		28
9	3				2		3		8									
48	12				29	10	32	10	93	25			11			11		11
25	7				12	2	12		33	27			5			7		7
76	6	5	4	6	5	10	66	12	114	4								
23	5		4	9	6	6	12		42	35								
44	6		16	8	4	11	16		61	58						12		12
556	**91**	**33**	**90**	**57**	**87**	**149**	**397**	**34**	**938**	**191**		**7**	**22**		**27**	**74**		**101**
17104	**2316**	**1865**	**2543**	**3766**	**3390**	**4772**	**11335**	**519**	**30506**	**5777**	**1014**	**373**	**1596**	**730**	**366**	**3620**	**945**	**5661**

I MINISTRY AND CHARGES			II CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK																					
				Gained by				Lost by														Average Attendances		
CHARGE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Members Reported at close of Last Year	Confession of Faith	Certificate of Transfer	Certificate of Membership	Total Gain	Death	Certificate of Transfer	Certificate of Membership	Withdrawn without Certificate	Other Ways	Total Loss	Net Gain	Net Loss	Present Membership	Non-resident Members	Members Under 13 Years of Age	Conversions	Reclamations	Baptisms (All Ages)	Number of Enrolled Tithers	Sunday Morning Worship Service	Sunday Evening Worship Service	Mid-Week Worship Service
SOUTHWEST GROUP																								
94 Bevis	Bevis	Eugene Griffith	96	5	1	7	13	4	2	6	1		13			96	8	11	5	4	8		73		
95 Cherry Grove—	Cherry Grove	Carl R. Robinson	337	7	3		10	5		8	1		14		4	333	47	6	2		19		121	59	16
96 Five Mile	Five Mile	Carl R. Robinson	45					2	3	2			7		7	38	4				1		20		
97 Cheviot	Cheviot	Grover D. Letner	626	34	3	14	51	3	4	24	13		44	7		633	26	4	34		22		212		
98 Clifton	Clifton	J. C. Herbert	359	10	5	2	17	9	4	6	3		22		5	354	19				8		191		22
99 Clough	Clough	Charles E. Fryman	264	10		3	13	3		2	2		7	6		270	30	8	10		11	26	104	30	18
100 College Hill	College Hill	James B. Duvall	261	16		13	29	2		12	2		16	13		274		8			11	3	104		
101 Dunlap	Dunlap	E. S. Comrey	58	6	2		8	1		2			3	5		63	12		6			7	33		
102 Hyde Park	Hyde Park	Forrest M. Garner	106	3		1	4	1		4			5		1	105		4					61		
103 Mt. Airy	Mt. Airy	Maurice D. Gribler	252	26		6	32	1		1			2	30		282	12	7	12	14	14	6	164		7
104 Mt. Healthy	Mt. Healthy	R. V. Pelton	529	12		3	15	3	1	9	7		20		5	524	64	2	12		27	10	141		
105 New Haven—	New Haven	W. Bryan Green	168	5	3	2	10	5	3	2			10			168	30	5	5		3	10	85		
106 Harrison	Harrison	W. Bryan Green	62	1			1	1					1			62	9	1	1		1	8	43		
107 New Port	New Port	Dana Heaton	198	8		5	13	6	1	3			10	3		201	28		7	6	19	5	85	15	
108 North Bend	North Bend	Ira C. Clark	318	2		2	4	2	4	5			11		7	311	47	15	2		7		127		
109 Willey Memorial	Willey Memorial	James E. Miller	155	6			6	2		4			6			155	44	12	6		10		70		
110 Zion	Zion	Allen L. Unger	148	13	2	20	35	1	2	2	2		7	28		176	16				12		218		
Totals Southwest Group			3982	164	19	78	261	51	24	92	31		198	92 *63	29	4045	396	83	101	24	173	75	1852	104	63
SOUTHEAST GROUP																								
111 Batavia	Batavia	Gerald Geiger	310		8	1	9	4	2	6	1		13		4	306	50	5			12		124		10
112 Blanchester Ct.	Midland	Thomas R. Springmar	32	1		1	2							2		34	15	1		2			18		
113	Moore's Fork	Thomas R. Springmar	32													32									
114	Second Creek	Thomas R. Springmar	51						1				1		1	50	20						41		
115 Brown Co. Parish	Bloom Rose	James H. Riley	82	4			4	2		2			4			82	34		3	1	3	1		21	
116	Browntown	James H. Riley	66	1			1	3			7		10		9	57	11					2	27		
117	Ketterman Chapel	James H. Riley	50					2		2	5		9		9	41	16					1	20		
118	Union Plains	James H. Riley	86	6	2	6	14	2		3	3	5	13	1		87	15	1	5	1	1	3	62		
119	White Oak	James H. Riley	24					1					1		1	23	5						9		
120 Hillsboro Circuit	Bethany	Robert Schurman	161					2		1			3		3	158	18	1			1	12	60		10
121	East Danville	Robert Schurman	48	1		1	2	3			1		4		2	46	6	1				4	28		7
122 Mowrystown	Mowrystown	Harold J. Messmer	147	4	2		6	1		5	3		9		3	144	45				2		76	35	
123 Wrightsville—	Wrightsville	B. Wyvonne Freeman	27	1			1							1		28	6		1			4	21	18	11
124 Liberty Chapel	Liberty Chapel	B. Wyvonne Freeman	17													17	3		2			8	24	24	10
Totals Southeast Group			1133	18	12	9	39	20	3	19	20	5	67	4	32 †28	1105	244	9	11	4	19	35	510	98	48
GRAND TOTALS			35393	1521	482	669	2672	367	466	496	585	96	2010	1139 *662	477	36055	3747	1028	1151	140	1558	1037	15823	991	884

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		Nursery	Beginners	Primary	Juniors	Young People	Adults	Home Department	Total Enrolled in Sunday Schools					Adult	Young Adult	Youth	Boys and Girls	Total Enrollment in Fellowships
75	11	10	16	15	16	14	24		106	52						9		9
155	21	11	12	27	25	10	119	14	239	82	30	6				22	23	45
14	4		4		2	7	5		22	4								
229	32	36	34	55	56	76	96		385		45	3	19			76		76
109	15	8	10	30	36	56	53	10	218	34	14		11			56	14	70
113	21	19	12	17	20	40	88		217	54	22	8	8			41		41
142	26	16	13	19	21	39	103		237	110	9	7	10		16	22	23	61
53	9		12	12	8	16	18		75				6					
48	11	3	13	7	5	11	41		91									
173	23	16	40	60	42	28	40		249	118			7			35		35
135	21	17	20	27	24	18	81	5	213	15							8	8
86	11	9	9	10	14	25	53	3	134	40			20			17		17
46	8	2	4	9	7	16	32		78	18						10	10	20
117	22	30	17	36	29	25	39	3	201	60	29		10			10		10
127	17		17	20	10	23	83		170							25		25
59	10	8	9	11	10	10	39		97									
218	28	10	23	46	31	41	57		236	175			25			25		25
1899	**290**	**195**	**265**	**401**	**356**	**455**	**971**	**35**	**2968**	**762**	**149**	**24**	**116**		**16**	**348**	**78**	**442**
144	14	24	28	17	14	42	139	12	290	20		7			27			27
23	4		10			8	6		28	8								
41	9		15			4	36		64	14								
20	5	4	4	4	6	15	15		53				6			15		15
24	7		2	3	3	6	28		49							6		6
14	5			2		7	12		26							7		7
65	8		7	8	6	28	20		77							28		28
9	3				2		3		8									
48	12				29	10	32	10	93	25			11			11		11
25	7				12	2	12		33	27			5			7		7
76	6	5	4	6	5	10	66	12	114	4								
23	5		4	9	6	6	12		42	35								
44	6		16	8	4	11	16		61	58						12		12
556	**91**	**33**	**90**	**57**	**87**	**149**	**397**	**34**	**938**	**191**		**7**	**22**		**27**	**74**		**101**
7104	**2316**	**1865**	**2543**	**3766**	**3390**	**4772**	**11335**	**519**	**30506**	**5777**	**1014**	**373**	**1596**	**730**	**366**	**3620**	**945**	**5661**

III
FINANCES

Enrolled in Brotherhoods	Enrolled in Wom. Organs.				Number Attending EUB Colleges	Number Attending Other Colleges and Universities	Telescope-Messenger	A. MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES									
										Missions - Benev. Cont. Not in Budget							
	W.S.W.S.	Ladies' Aid	Christian Service Guild	Total Enrollment in Women's Organ.				Missions and Benev. Budget Apportionment	Paid on Missions and Benevolence Budget Apportionment	WSWS and Other Missionary Contrib.	Youth Fellowship WS Contributions	Misc. Missions: Denominational	Misc. Missions: Non-Den'inational	Misc. Benevolence: Denominational	Misc. Benevolence: Non-Den'inational & Con. Interests	Homes and Orphanages	Paid on General Board of Pensions Apportionment
		17		17			4	384	384	63		5	25		20	84	168
	30	31		61	1	3	22	1080	1080	385	10	1250	33	165		350	271
							1	144	144			5		77		31	36
35	71			71	1	5	14	1596	1596	431		53	25	772	401	628	257
28	38	47	13	98		2	12	1392	1392	385	39	174	29	179	40	400	240
33	47	46		93		4	19	936	936	446	93	426	80	243	638	443	216
28	16	67		83		2	6	756	757			25	50	50	50		
	20			20			5	240	181	64				91	80		
	15			15				372	372		26						90
24	12	35		47		3	11	840	840	123	30	30		151	239	346	180
	65			65		3	6	1116	1116	230		16		795	15	150	
20	36	37	14	87		1	19	540	540	83	5	71	18	13	10	195	130
	28			28			4	264	264	159		120	12	22	25	231	86
	18			18		2	1	648	675	204		169		18	216	270	216
	33	33	15	81		3	16	756	756	86	12			162	24	150	216
	16			16		2	8	552	666	123		59		80		206	
13	22			22			31	649	680	72		187	132	429	10	225	241
181	**467**	**313**	**42**	**822**	**2**	**30**	**179**	**12264**	**12379**	**2854**	**215**	**2590**	**404**	**3247**	**1768**	**3709**	**2347**
24	28	47		75	1	2	22	900	900	223		139		528		326	240
		15		15				120	120								31
								108									
		40		40			2	180	180			34				75	111
		16		16				144	19					2		5	10
		12		12				132	132					5		30	44
								84	47							17	47
		23		23				180	130					54		37	
								72						1		1	14
	13			13			7	420	420			85		229	25	63	172
	12			12			2	132	130					26	27	16	14
		32		32			4	456	456			52	20	186		184	
	20			20				120	36	25						12	
	11			11				84	84	15		10	5			35	
24	**84**	**185**		**269**	**1**	**2**	**37**	**3132**	**2654**	**263**		**320**	**25**	**1031**	**52**	**801**	**683**
1389	**3595**	**2501**	**674**	**6770**	**88**	**410**	**1139**	**110688**	**108145**	**32252**	**2266**	**19061**	**5352**	**18787**	**16444**	**37503**	**19491**

			B. LOCAL EXPENDITURES										
United Crusade	Total Missions and Benev. Contributions Not in Budget Apportionment	Total for Missions and Benevolence	Ministers' Cash Salary Paid by Local Churches	Value of Parsonage Rentals	Ministers' Expense Allowance	Received from Appropriations	Total Support of Ministers	Other Current Expense Including Maintenance Congregational	Sunday S., Vacation and Week-day School Fellowship Exp.	Brotherhood Exp.	W.S.W.S. and Christian Service Guild Exp.	Ladies' Aid Society Expenditures	Paid on Indebtedness this Year
100	465	849	2587	600		1000	4187	1208	845		16		
348	2812	3892	3000	1200	300		4500	3558	1526		6	646	2982
	149	293	600				600	115	97				
410	2977	4573	4290	480	240		5010	5559	971	307	838		
200	1686	3078	4000	1200	146		5346	8638	1185	9	57	106	
525	3110	4046	3600	900	50		4550	1212	951	250		249	
50	225	982	3820	600	165		4585	5023	1418		18	623	1124
	235	416	1675				1675	455	327		22		
	116	488	1840		500	800	3140	422	677		774		660
400	1499	2339	4160	1200	96	100	5556	5359	1041	5	17	50	1226
	1206	2322	4004	900	332		5236	1956	200		261		
350	875	1415	2160	300	120		2580	1005	265	141	82	40	
150	805	1069	1440		50		1490	494	244		25		
249	1342	2017	3600	720			4320	2300	1121		33	12	
	650	1406	3600	480	400		4480	3471	359		41	407	600
	468	1134	3250	600			3850	883	232				
	1296	1976	4040	600	300		4940	2191	687	12	32		2600
2782	**19916**	**32295**	**51666**	**9780**	**2699**	**1900**	**66045**	**43849**	**12146**	**724**	**2222**	**2133**	**9192**
	1456	2356	4000	720			4720	4283	729			292	
35	66	186	610	24			634	115	231			222	
100	320	500	1040			200	1240	35	334			299	
	17	36	392		9	213	614	75	21			18	56
20	99	231	529		9	212	750	79	76			4	78
	64	111	417		9	212	638	54	40				56
	91	221	936		9	213	1158	207	198			36	90
	16	16	83			150	233	47	7				7
	574	994	2860	600		200	3660	899	466		15		240
	83	213	800				800	375	187			112	
	442	898	2600	640			3240	837	190	3		100	
	37	73	425				425	153	80		21		
	65	149	400				400	88	119		30		
155	**3330**	**5984**	**15092**	**1984**	**36**	**1400**	**18512**	**7247**	**2678**	**3**	**66**	**1083**	**527**
36914	**188070**	**296215**	**354909**	**64555**	**21589**	**9045**	**450098**	**456670**	**107874**	**3607**	**24097**	**17694**	**162689**

III
FINANCES

B. LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Paid on Interest this Year	Paid on New Buildings	Paid on Improvements	Paid on Total	Paid into Reserve or Trust Funds this Year	Total Local Exp. this Year	Increase in Indebtedness this Year	Paid out of Reserve and/or Trust Funds this Year	Amt. Rec'd as Grants from Ann. Con. - Other Church Agencies	Total Deductions	Net Total for Local Expense	Total or All Purposes
		383	383	675	6314					6314	7163
128		2291	2291		15637					15637	19729
					812					812	1105
		8760	8760	6774	28219		7003		7003	21216	25789
		3655	3655		18996					18996	22074
		1964	1964		9176					9176	13222
				3200	15991					15991	16973
		119	119		2598					2598	3014
911					5784					5784	6272
441	17750	25	17775	2885	34255	10900	8300		19200	15055	17394
		41	41	13852	21546					21546	23868
	5000	2250	7250		11363					11363	12778
					2253					2253	3322
		212	212		7998					7998	10015
52					9410					9410	10816
		305	305	54	5324					5324	6458
100	17911	153	18064		28626	9311	10289		19600	9026	11002
1632	**40661**	**20158**	**60819**	**27440**	**224302**	**20211**	**25592**		**45803**	**178499**	**210794**
					10024					10024	12380
					1202					1202	1388
					1708					1708	2208
		100	100		671					677	777
					775					775	1004
					576					576	687
				426	1902					1902	2123
					144					144	160
		689	689		5769	400			400	5369	6363
		162	162		1636					1636	1849
					4370					4370	5268
					679					679	752
		190	190		827					827	976
		1141	**1141**	**426**	**30283**	**400**			**400**	**29883**	**35867**
23633	**553020**	**130637**	**683657**	**268806**	**2189779**	**292146**	**224973**	**9856**	**526975**	**1662804**	**1959019**

IV
PROPERTY

Average per member for Missions and Benevolence	Average per member for all Purposes	Number of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Churches	Value of Parsonages	Value of Other Local Church Property	Total Value of Local Church Property	Total Insurance	Indebtedness on Churches	Indebtedness on Parsonages	Indebtedness on Other Local Church Property	Total Reserve and Trust Funds
8.00	74.70	1	1	15000	5000		20000	15000				675
11.68	58.64	1	1	66000	25000		91000	71000		1692		
7.71	29.07	1		12000			12000	3500				
7.22	40.75	1	1	60000	10000	35000	105000	7000				18000
8.00	71.00	1	1	150000			150000	150000				
14.98	48.97	1	1	40000	15000		55000	33000				
6.00	62.00	1	1	62500	8500	2000	73000	85000				6580
6.60	48.00	1	1	4000			4000	4000				
4.65	70.00	1	1	40000	14000		54000		20337			
8.44	61.83	1	1	35000	18500	23000	76500	47000		10513	1325	1994
4.00	38.00	1	1	30000	18000		48000	34500				84000
8.00	76.00	1	1	30000	15000		45000	34000		1500		661
17.00	53.00	1		10000			10000	6500				
10.03	49.82	1	1	60000	10000	2000	72000	52000				
4.50	34.80	1	1	50000	10000		60000	46000				
7.95	41.00	1	1	55000	10000	750	65750					
11.00	64.00	1	1	7500	15000	3500	26000	35000			9000	1000
7.98	**52.00**	**17**	**15**	**727000**	**174000**	**66250**	**967250**	**623500**	**20337**	**13705**	**10325**	**112910**
5.00	35.00	1		6000			6000					
		1		3000			3000					
10.00	46.00	1		10000			10000					
.44	8.62	1		2500			2500					
4.05	17.65	1	1	2500	5000		7500	5000		636		
2.95	16.75	1		1500			1500					
2.73	26.21	1		2500			2500					426
.69	6.96	1		5000			5000					
6.00	41.00	1	1	30000	8000		38000	23000	160			2850
5.00	40.00	1		6500			6500	6500				
6.10	37.00	1	1	15000	8000		23000	15000				
2.60	26.85	1		3000			3000	2000				
8.80	57.40	1		2500			2500	2000				
5.40	**32.50**	**12**	**3**	**90000**	**21000**		**111000**	**53500**	**160**	**636**		**3276**
8.22	**54.33**	**123**	**92**	**8090960**	**1038000**	**275900**	**9424860**	**7362461**	**658009**	**50249**	**28610**	**570241**

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